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WHEN I'M
WITH **YOU--**
DO I KNOW
WHAT I'M
DOING?

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HEDY DE VINE

"PICTURE POLITICS!"

AS A CANDIDATE FOR
PRESIDENT, I HAVE A
FEW SHORT WORDS
TO SAY...



NOT *HERE!*

NOT *HERE!*

NOTHING!

NOTHING!

GABBY, WE'VE GOT TO DO **SOMETHING AND SOON!** WHY, I HAVEN'T HAD ANY MENTION IN THE PAPERS IN **AGES!** NOT A **WORD!** DOESN'T MY NAME MEAN **ANYTHING,** ANY MORE?



IN THE PAST WEEK ALONE, I ATTENDED TWO CHARITY LUNCHEES, ONE COLLEGE PROM, ONE TESTIMONIAL...HAD TWO MEN FIGHTING OVER ME IN A NIGHT CLUB...AND **NOT ONE LINE OF PUBLICITY!**



DON'T FORGET THE KNITTING CONTEST!

THIS IS NO JOKING MATTER, GABBY... IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THE GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS ARE **ALLERGIC** TO ME! NOW WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS...**WHY?**

I'LL TELL YOU WHY! LOOK AT **THIS,** AND SEE FOR YOURSELF!



IT'S **POLITICS!** THEY'RE CASTING **BLOTZ** FOR THE STAR ROLE IN THE WHITE HOUSE...AND EVERYBODY WANTS TO GET INTO THE ACT! THERE'S NOTHING ELSE IN THE PAPERS, AT ALL!



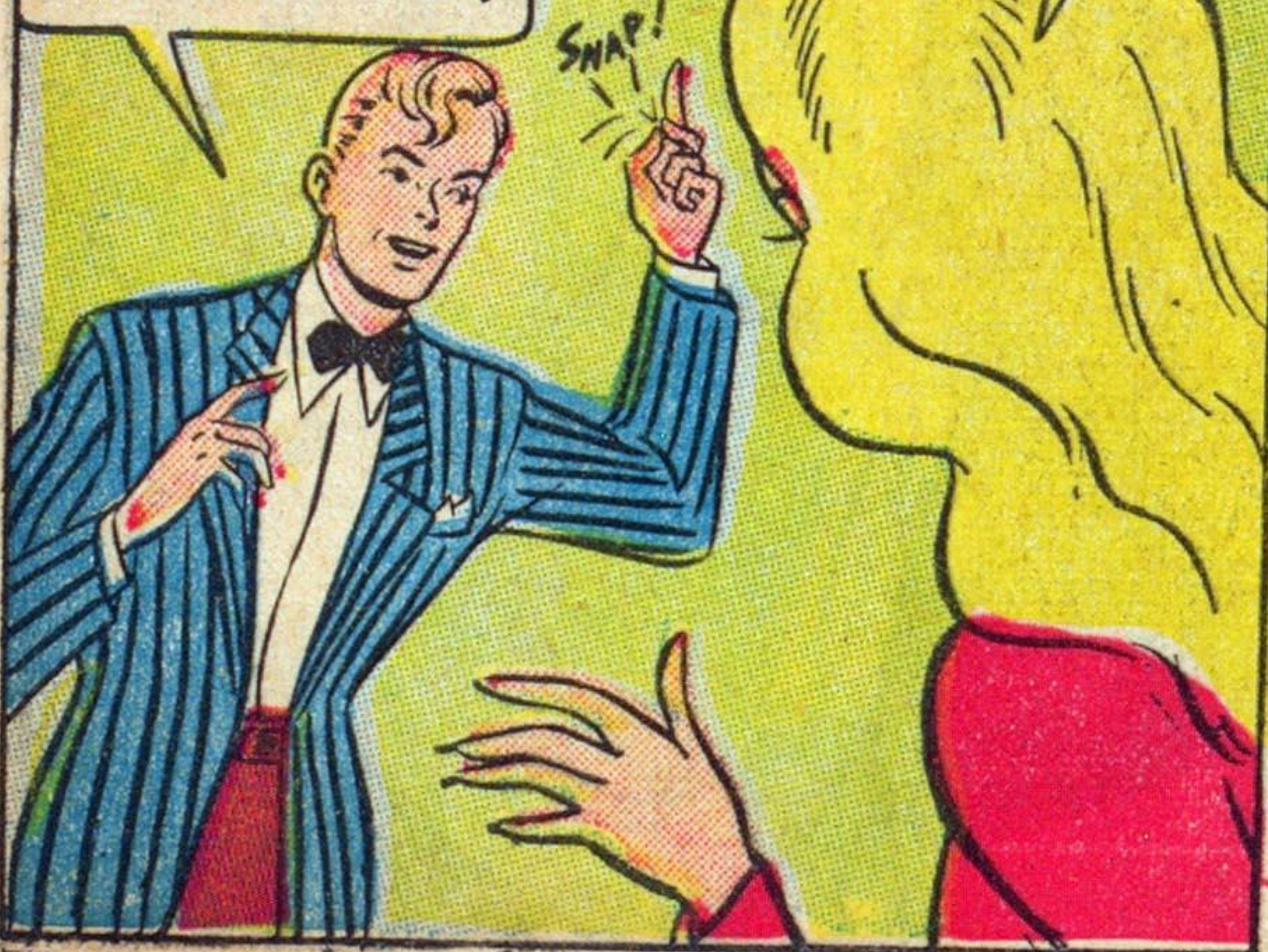
I'D MUCH RATHER LOOK AT A PICTURE OF **ME,** THAN SOME UNIMPORTANT POLITICIAN!

WELL, YOU CAN'T FIGHT CITY HALL... NO LESS, THE **WHITE HOUSE!** BUT WAIT A MINUTE... MAYBE I'VE GOT AN IDEA!



I'VE GOT IT! LIKE I SAID, EVERYBODY WANTS TO GET INTO THE ACT! SO WHY NOT **YOU?** WHAT'S WRONG WITH HEDY DE VINE?

WHAT? ARE YOU BALMY? YOU WANT **ME** TO RUN FOR PRESIDENT?



YOU, A **PRESIDENT?** CERTAINLY NOT! IF YOU WERE PRESIDENT YOU WOULDN'T NEED AN AGENT, AND THEN WERE WOULD I BE? I'VE GOT **ANOTHER** IDEA!





HERE HE IS, HEDY!
HERE'S THE BOY
WHO'S GOING TO
GET OUR HEDY
INTO
HEADLINES!

SENATOR
WINDY?
HOW?



DAILY - VIEWS

CANDIDATE DATES CAN-CAN DANCERS!

SENATOR WINDY,
GLAMOUR-BOY
CANDIDATE CAMPAIGNS
BY KISSING BABES
INSTEAD OF BABIES.
HE SURE HAS THE
CHORUS GIRL VOTES
BUT IT'S DOUBTFUL
WHETHER HE CAN
GET THE VOTES
OF THEIR BOY
FRIENDS, TOO!



IT'S A **NATURAL!** THE
POLITICIANS ARE
MONOPOLIZING THE
NEWSPRINT... SO WE
CAN GET **YOU** TO
**MONOPOLIZE A
POLITICIAN!**

MAYBE
YOU'VE
GOT AN
IDEA
THERE!



NEXT DAY, AT STAR STUDIOS...

I'VE JUST SPOTTED SANDRA
STILES AND WE'VE GOT HER
**RIGHT WHERE WE WANT
HER!** SHE DOESN'T KNOW
IT, BUT **SHE'S** GOING TO
WORK FOR **US!**
COME ON!

THIS
COULD
ALMOST
BE **FUN!**



HEDY, HOW **COULD**
YOU GO FOR AN
OLD POLITICIAN-
LIKE WINDY?

NOT SO **LOUD,**
GABBY, **PLEASE!**
THERE **MUSTN'T**
BE A WORD OF
PUBLICITY ABOUT
THIS... IT WOULD
RUIN SENATOR
WINDY'S
CAMPAIGN!

AND SO, HEDY AND GABBY GO INTO THEIR ACT...



THIS **MUSTN'T** LEAK OUT, BECAUSE
I WOULDN'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING
TO **SPOIL** THINGS FOR HIM! I **LOVE**
HIM TERRIBLY... BUT, GABBY, IF YOU LET
THIS GET AROUND, I PROMISE YOU, I'LL
QUIT HOLLYWOOD! I'LL **BREAK MY
CONTRACT,** AND GO OFF SOME PLACE
WHERE I CAN BE LEFT ALONE! THIS
IS **SACRED!**

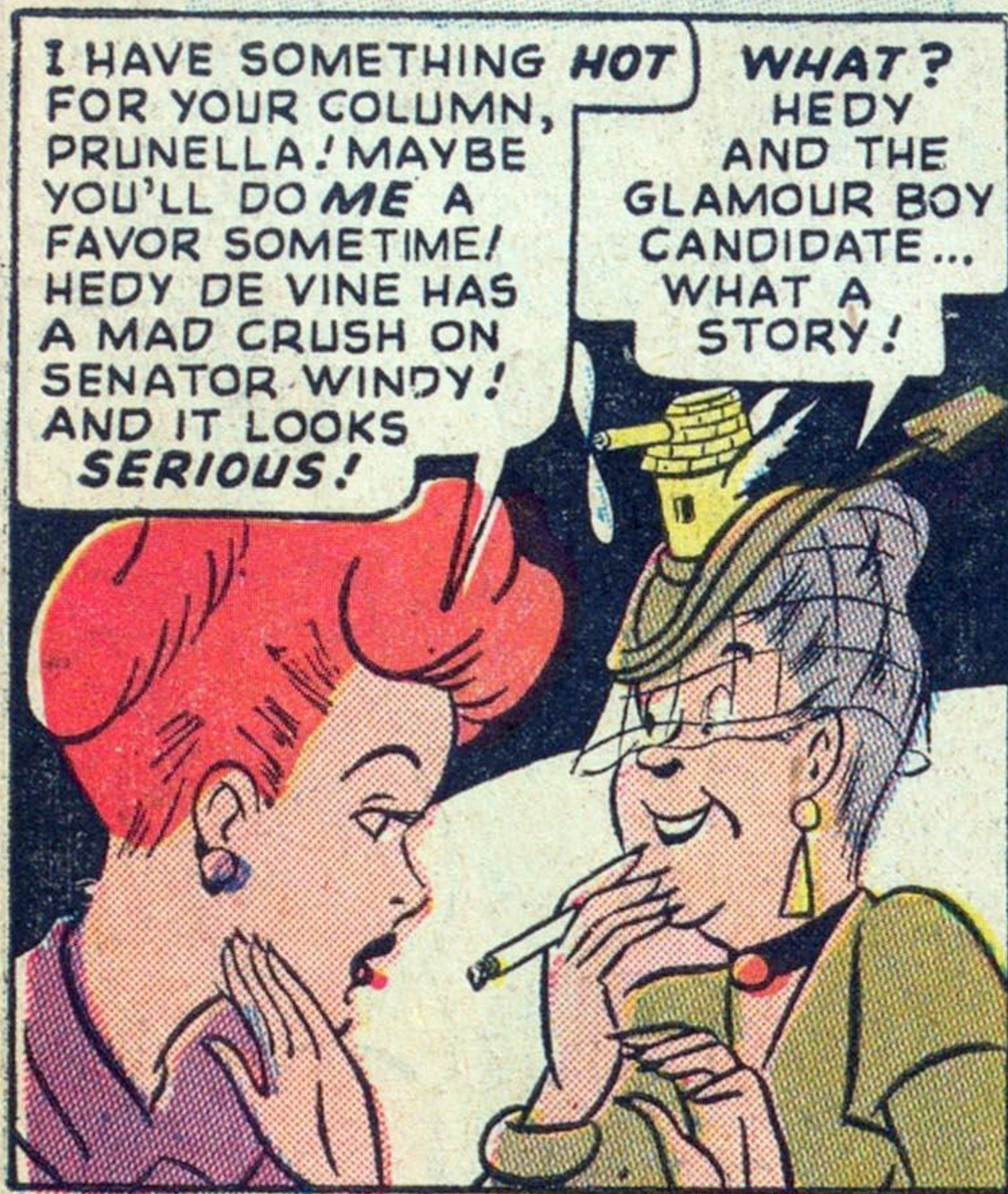
I WONDER WHAT
SENATOR **WINDY'S**
GOT THAT I DON'T
HAVE?



ANYWAY,
DON'T WORRY...
IT'LL NEVER
GET PAST
ME!

SO! ON ACCOUNT OF
THAT OLD WINDBAG,
SHE'D **QUIT!** HOW **NICE**
FOR **ME!** PERHAPS I CAN
ARRANGE IT FOR HER!

SANDRA GOES TO WORK...



I HAVE SOMETHING **HOT** FOR YOUR COLUMN, PRUNELLA! MAYBE YOU'LL DO **ME** A FAVOR SOMETIME! HEDY DE VINE HAS A MAD CRUSH ON SENATOR WINDY! AND IT LOOKS **SERIOUS!**

WHAT? HEDY AND THE GLAMOUR BOY CANDIDATE... WHAT A STORY!

THE VERY NEXT DAY...

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP

BY PRUNELLA CARTER

EXCLUSIVE... THE HOTTEST RUMOR IN TOWN...

HOLLYWOOD'S NUMBER ONE GLAMOUR GIRL, HEDY DE VINE, IS "THAT WAY" ABOUT WASHINGTON'S NUMBER ONE POLITICIAN GLAMOUR BOY! THAT WOLFISH SENATOR WINDY!

AND AT HEDY'S DRESSING ROOM...

IS IT TRUE ABOUT YOU AND SENATOR WINDY, MISS DE VINE?

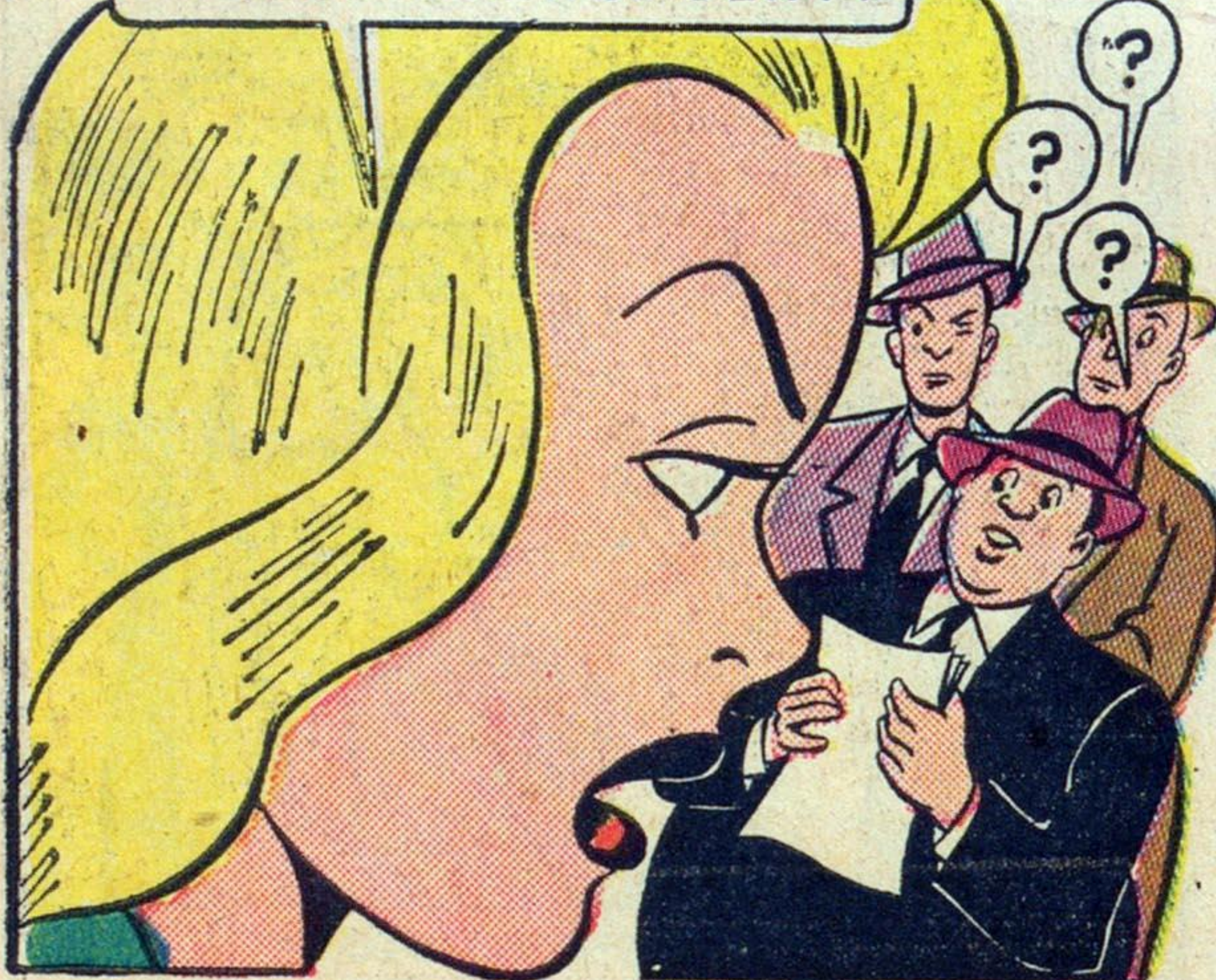
MISS DE VINE, HOW LONG HAVE YOU HAD THIS SECRET LOVE?

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT HIM KISSING ALL THE GIRLS?

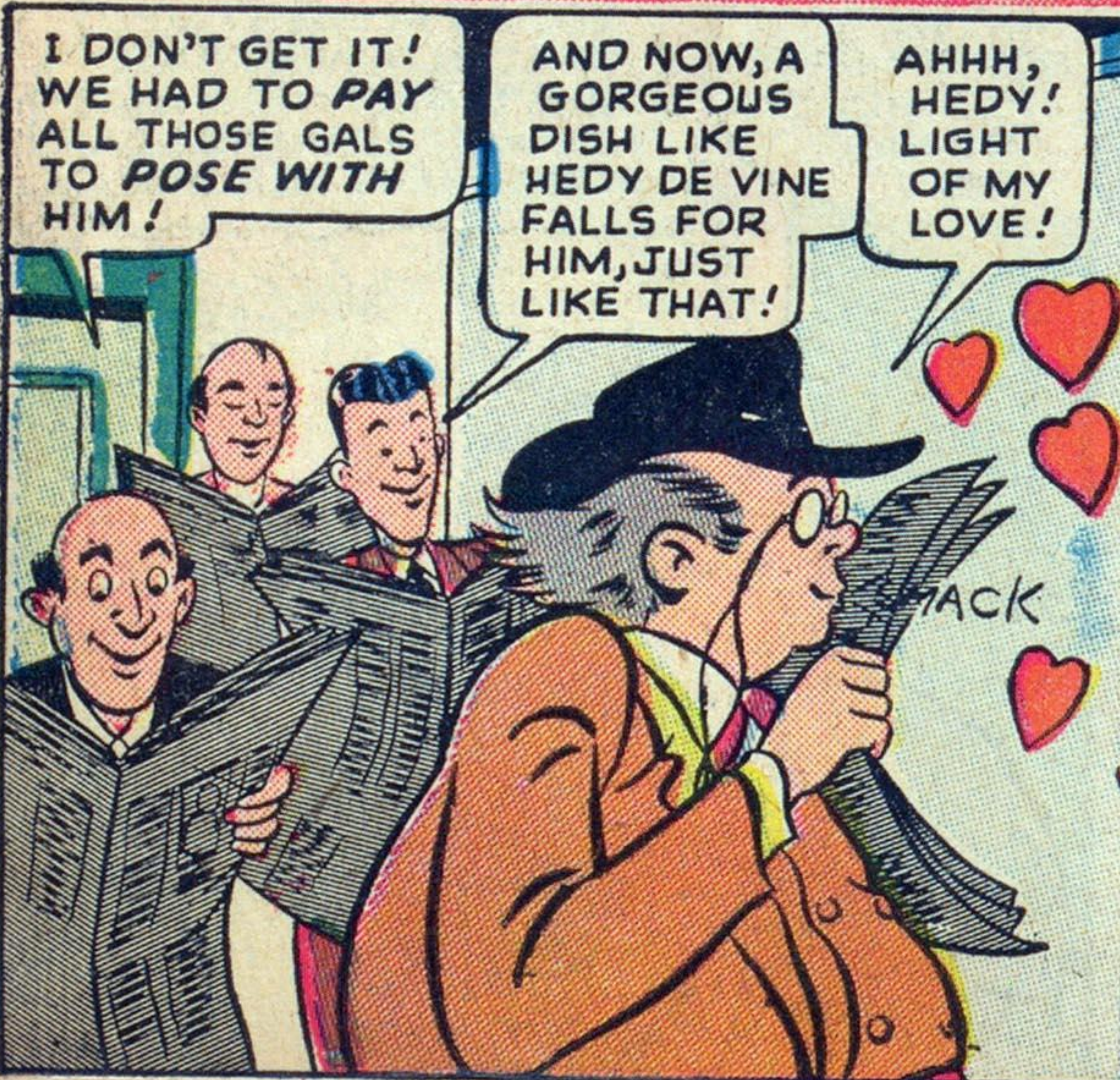
PLEASE! PLEASE!



REALLY, I **DO** WISH YOU WOULD RESPECT MY **PRIVATE** LIFE! I WILL ONLY SAY, THAT I HAVE THE **HIGHEST REGARD** FOR THE SENATOR, AND I HOPE HE WILL BE ELECTED **PRESIDENT!**



AT SENATOR WINDY'S CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS...

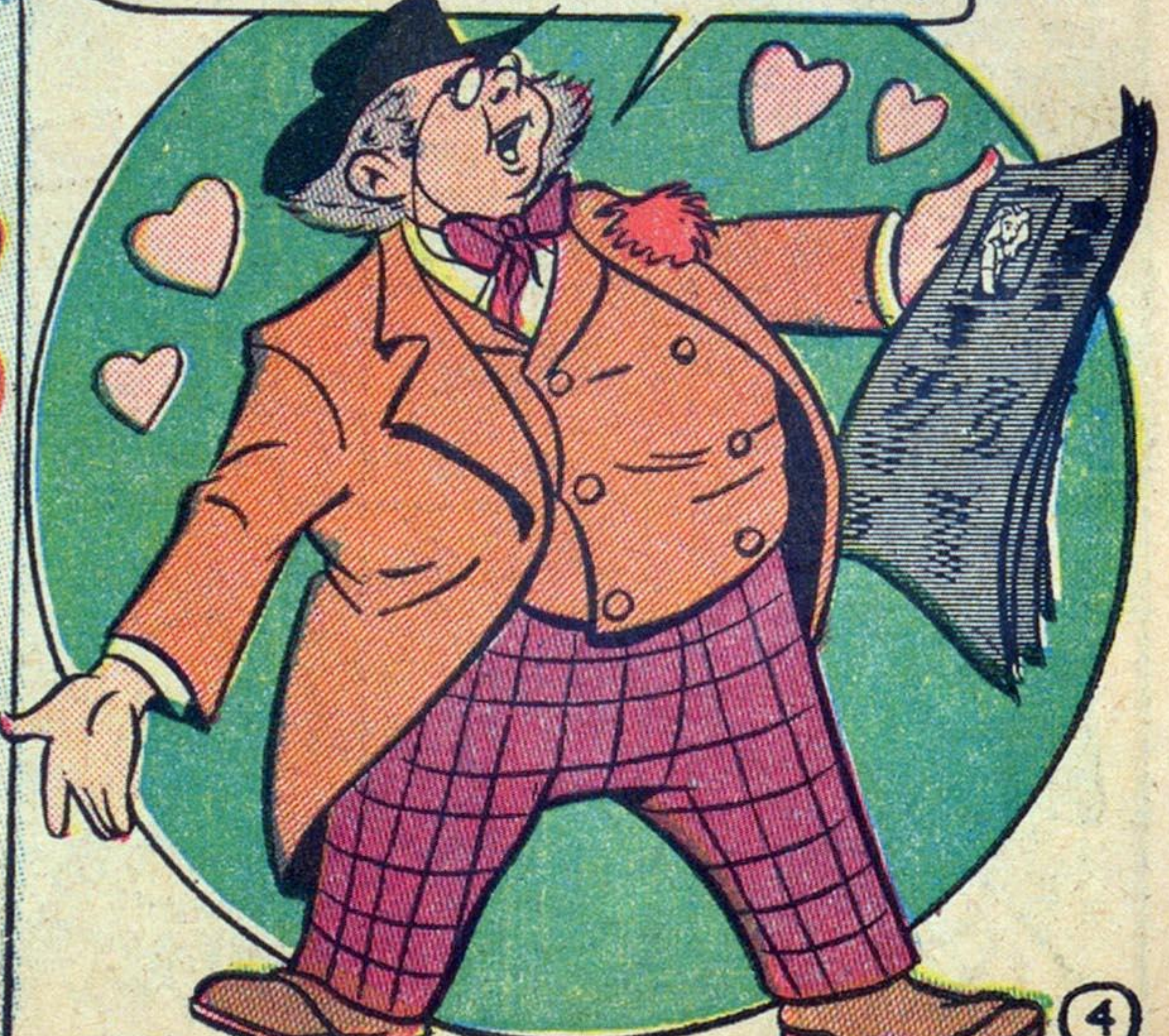


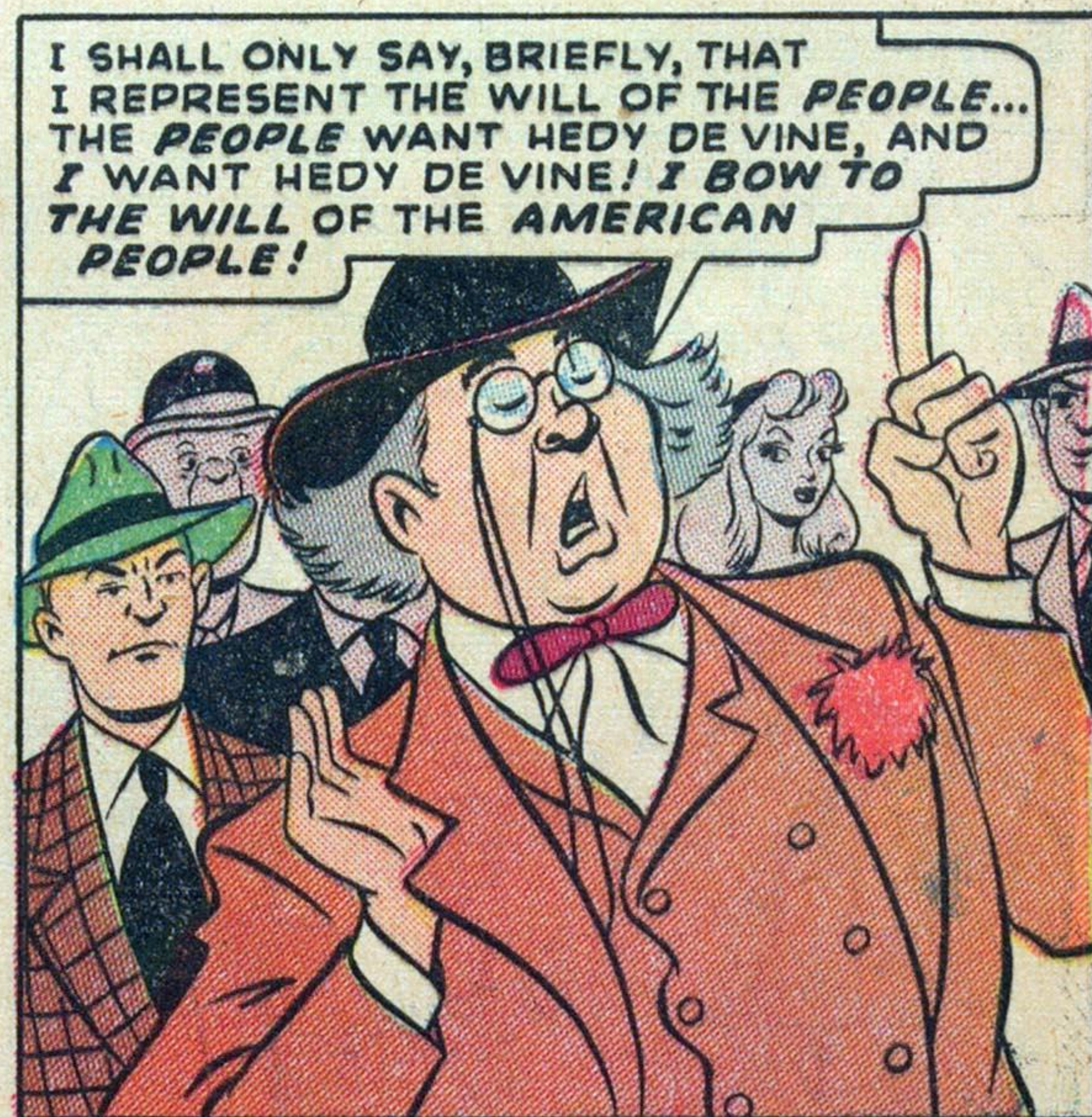
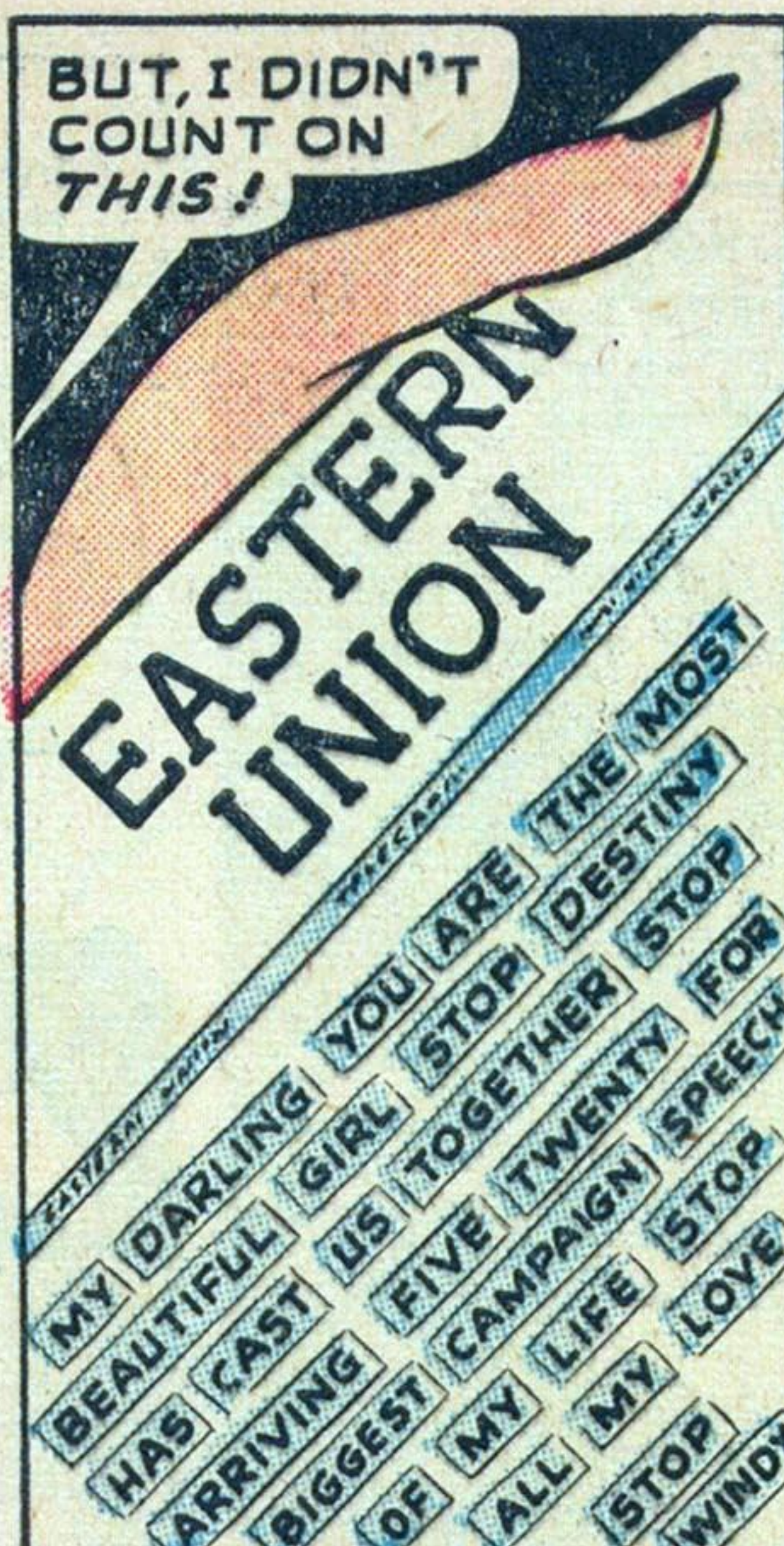
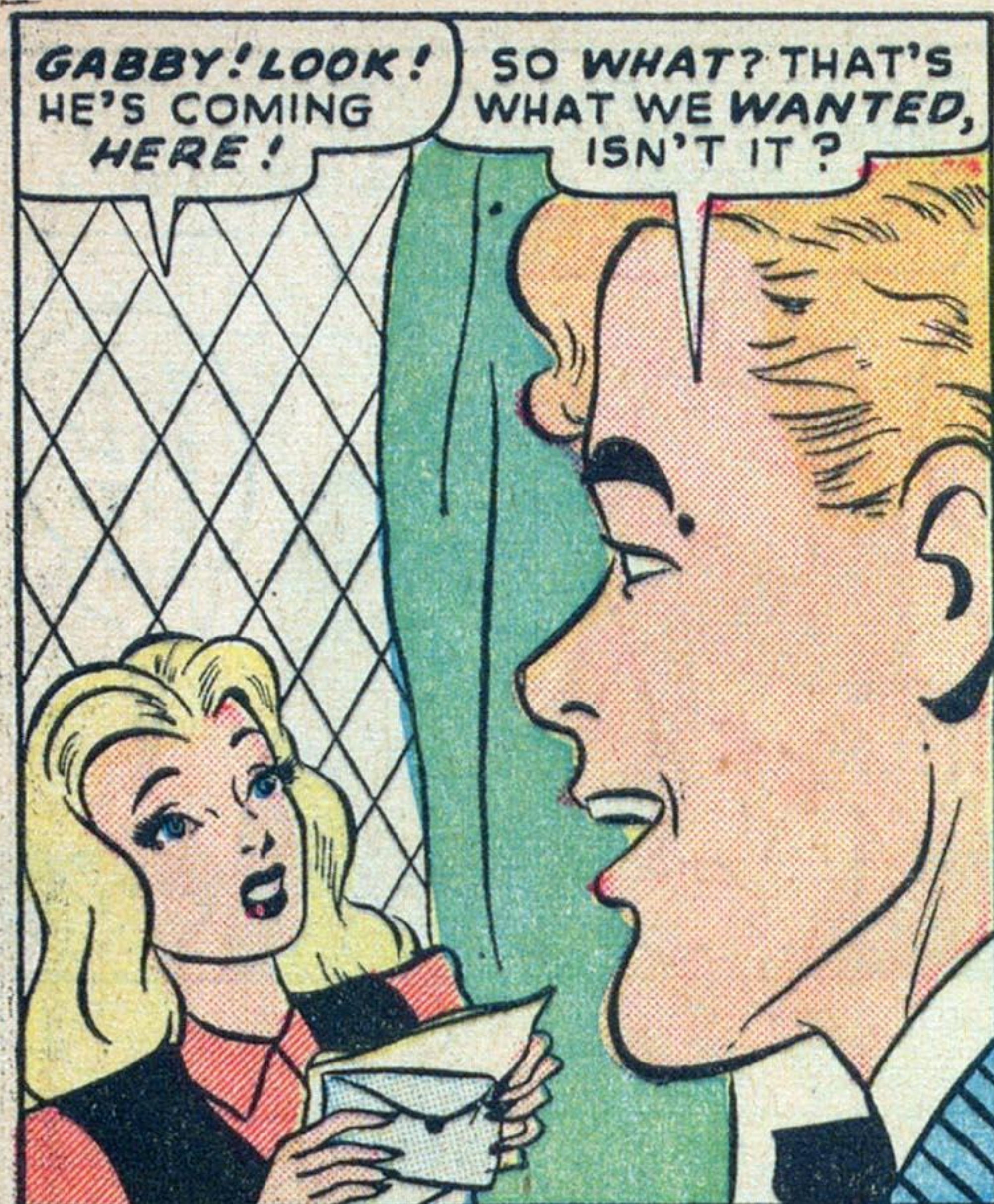
I DON'T GET IT! WE HAD TO **PAY** ALL THOSE GALS TO **POSE** WITH HIM!

AND NOW, A GORGEOUS DISH LIKE HEDY DE VINE FALLS FOR HIM, JUST LIKE THAT!

AHHH, HEDY! LIGHT OF MY LOVE!

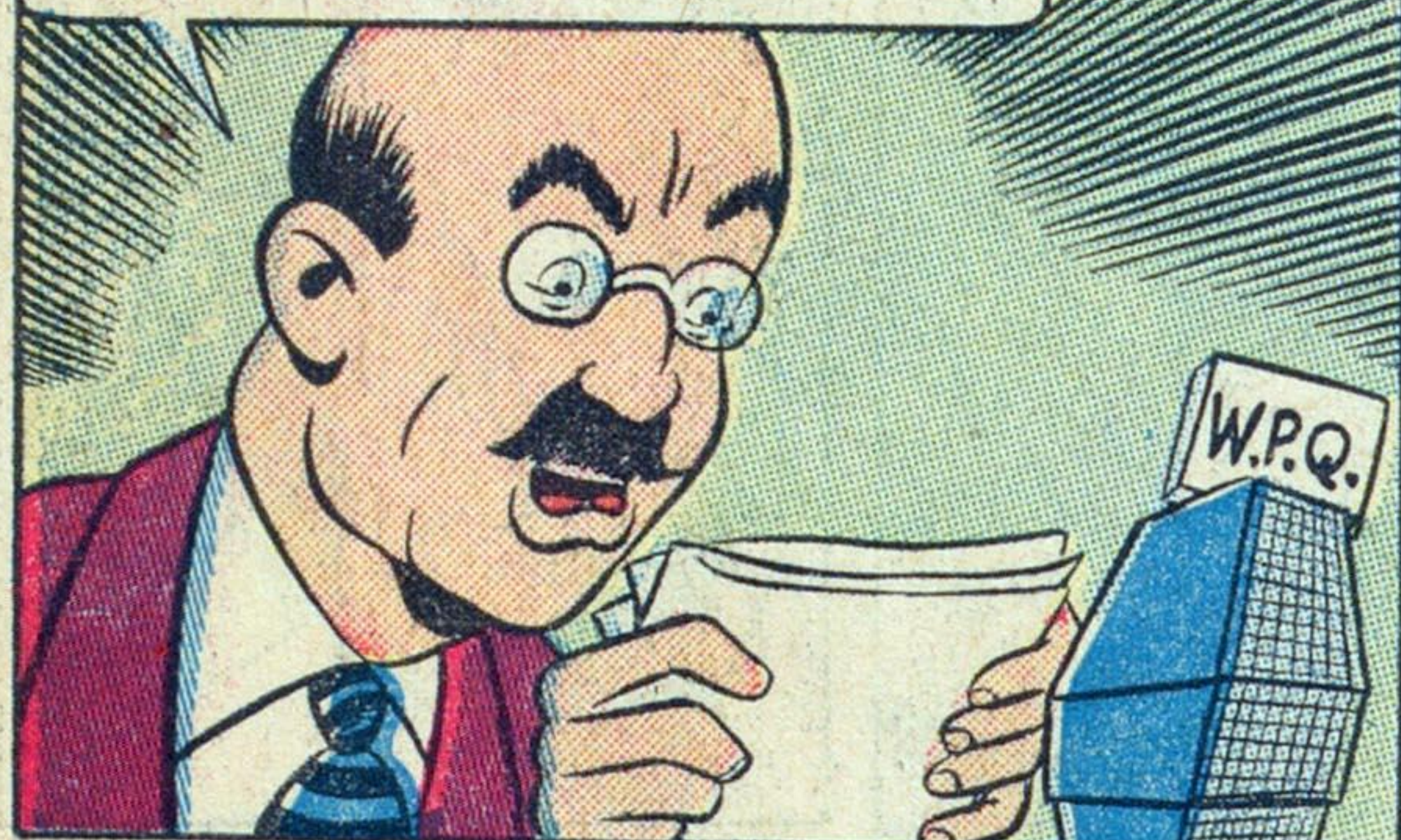
HEDY, MY LOVE... I WOULD GO TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH FOR YOU!





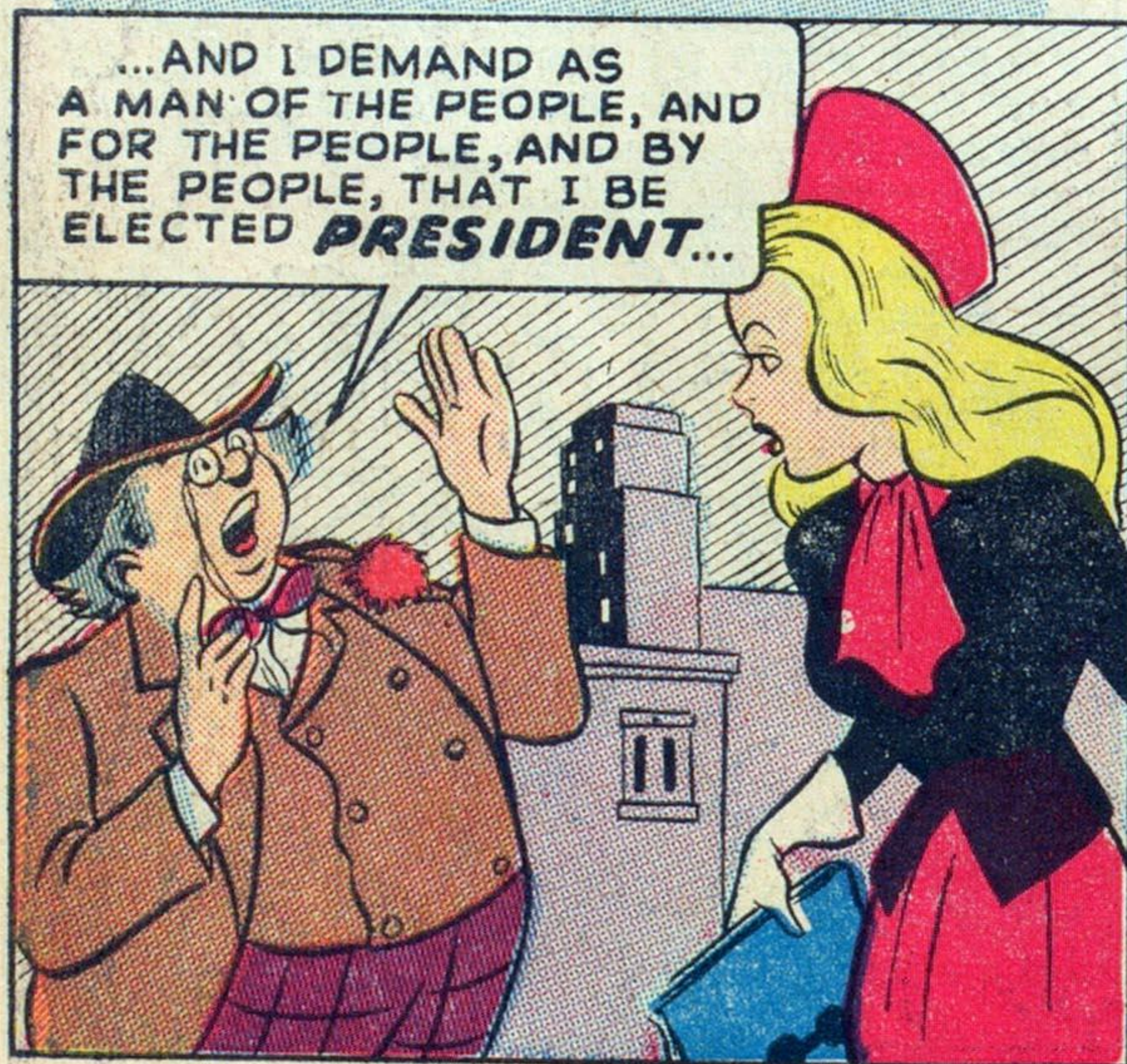
BY THIS TIME, THE WHOLE COUNTRY IS TALKING ABOUT HEDY AND WINDY...

...AND THIS CONFIRMS MY LONG SUSPICIONS OF A HOLLYWOOD PLOT TO TAKE OVER THE COUNTRY! WILL OUR VICE-PRESIDENT BE AN ANIMATED CARTOON? WILL THE HEAD OF THE F.B.I. BE A GLAMOUR BOY? WILL THE NAME OF CAPITOL HILL BE CHANGED TO CUCAMONGA OR AZUSA?



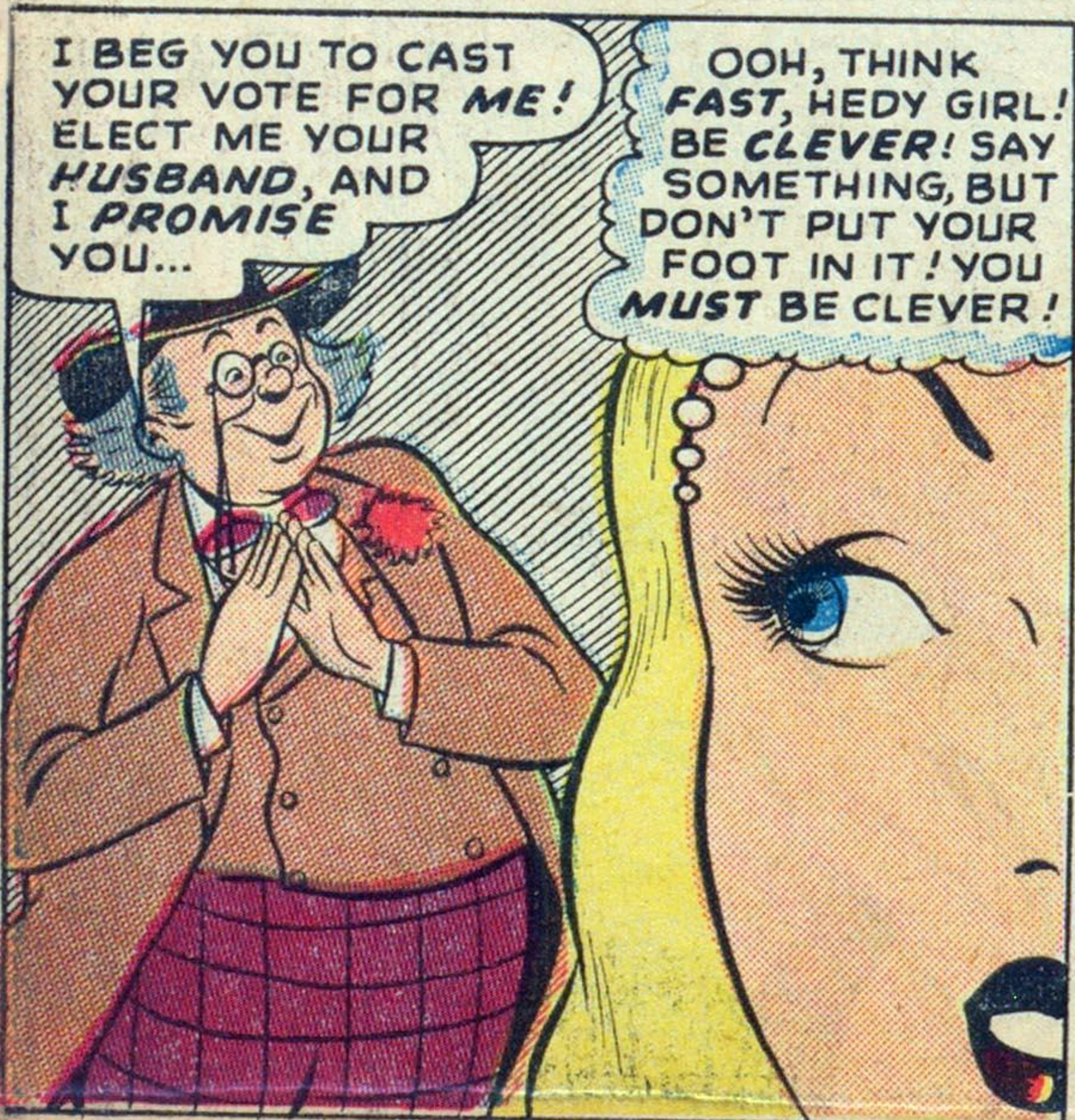
BUT, HEDY BEGINS TO BE SORRY SHE STARTED ALL THIS...

...AND I DEMAND AS A MAN OF THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE, AND BY THE PEOPLE, THAT I BE ELECTED **PRESIDENT**...

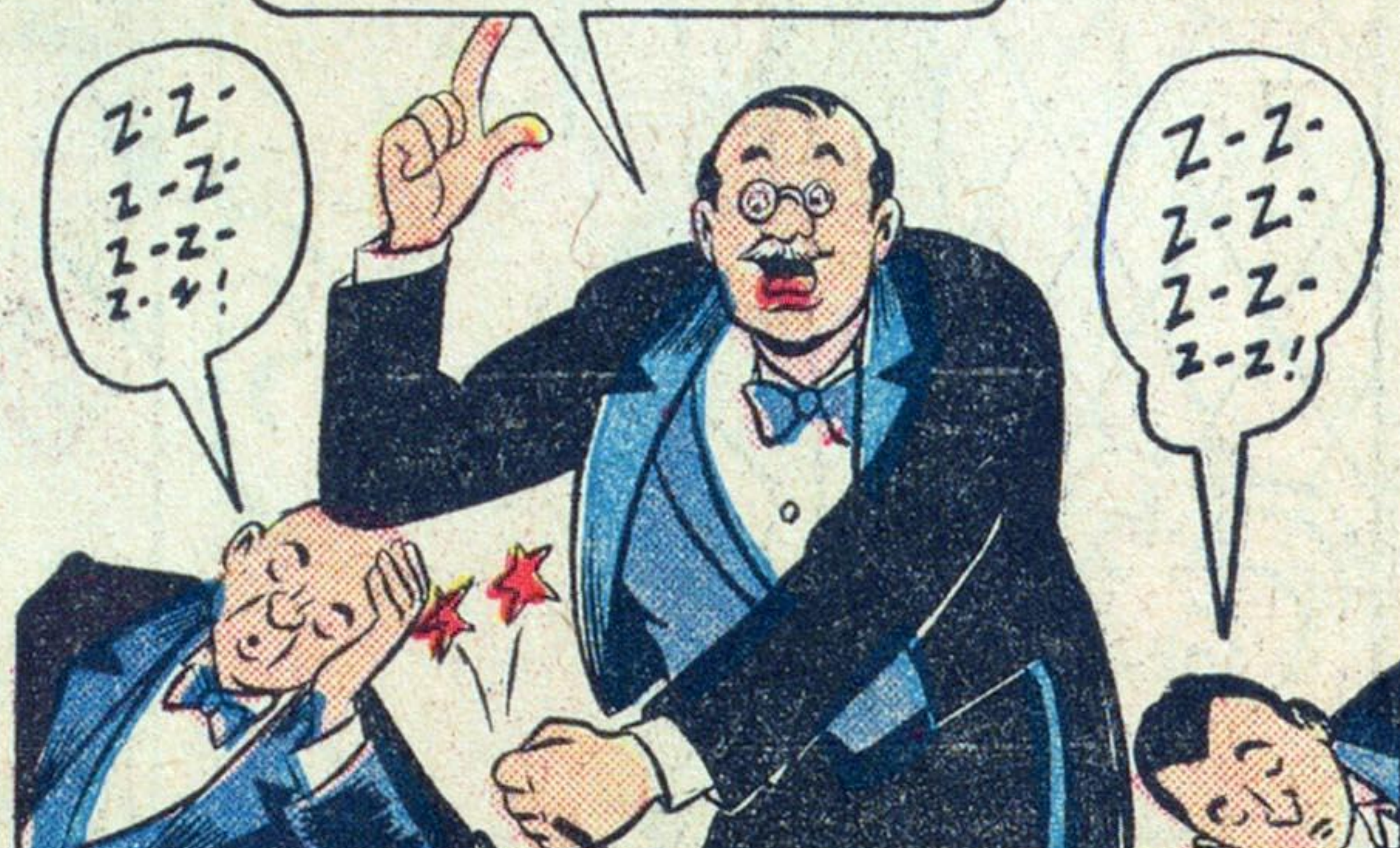


I BEG YOU TO CAST YOUR VOTE FOR **ME**! ELECT ME YOUR **HUSBAND**, AND I **PROMISE** YOU...

OOH, THINK **FAST**, HEDY GIRL! BE **CLEVER**! SAY SOMETHING, BUT DON'T PUT YOUR FOOT IN IT! YOU **MUST BE CLEVER**!



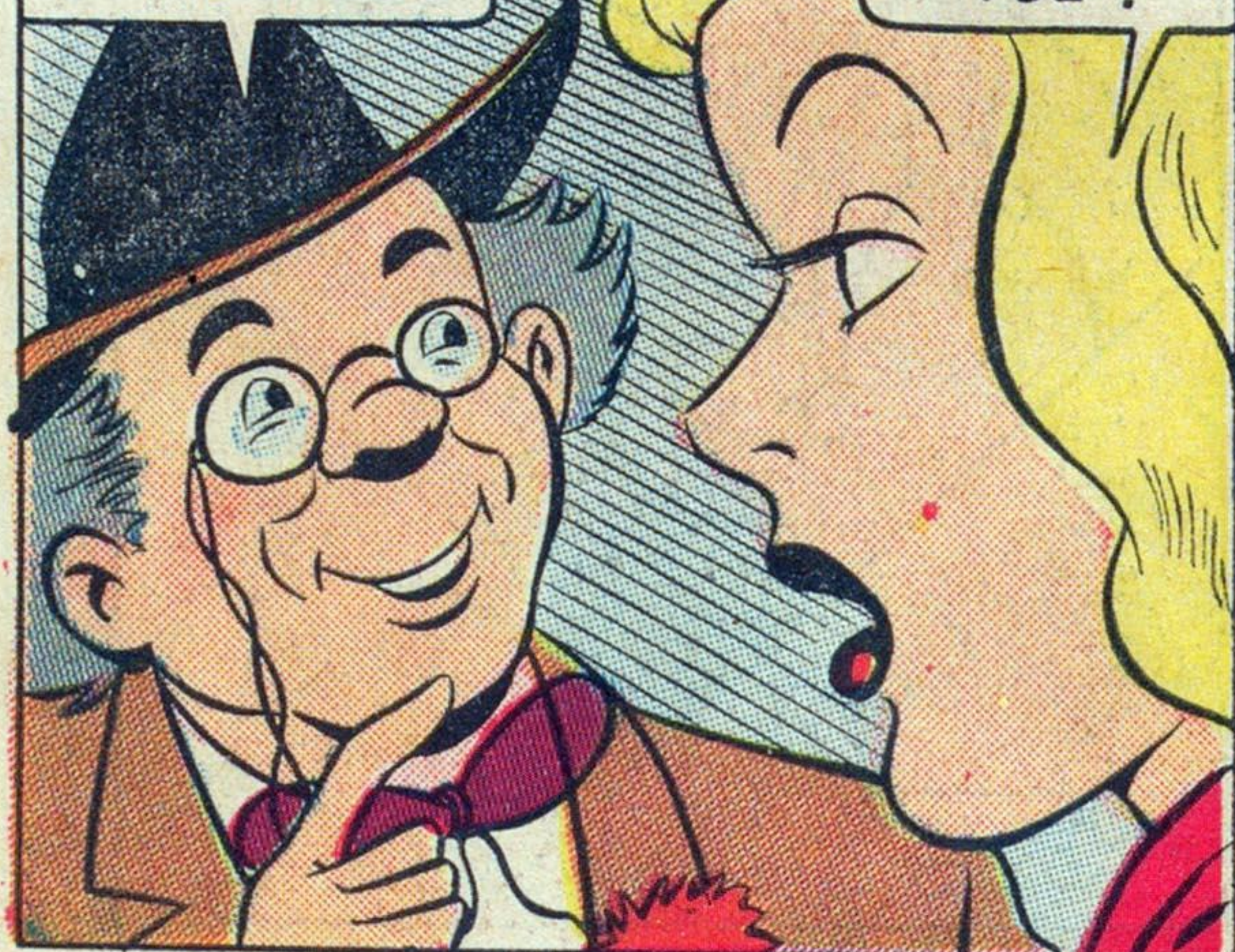
... I SAY, A VOTE FOR SENATOR WINDY WILL BRING TO WASHINGTON A TOUCH OF PROFESSIONAL ATMOSPHERE WHICH IS SORELY LACKING...



EVERYWHERE, SENATOR WINDY'S CAMPAIGN STEAM-ROLLS ONWARD...

...I SAY TO YOU, THAT IF I AM ELECTED BY THE WILL OF THE **PEOPLE**, I WANT TO, HERE AND NOW, NOMINATE **YOU** FOR THE **FIRST LADY** OF THE **LAND**!

WHAT? YOU MEAN YOU... YOU WANT **M-ME** TO **MARRY** YOU?



DON'T YOU SEE, **WINDY**... YOU'RE A VERY FINE MAN, INDEED, BUT I **CAN'T** MARRY YOU!

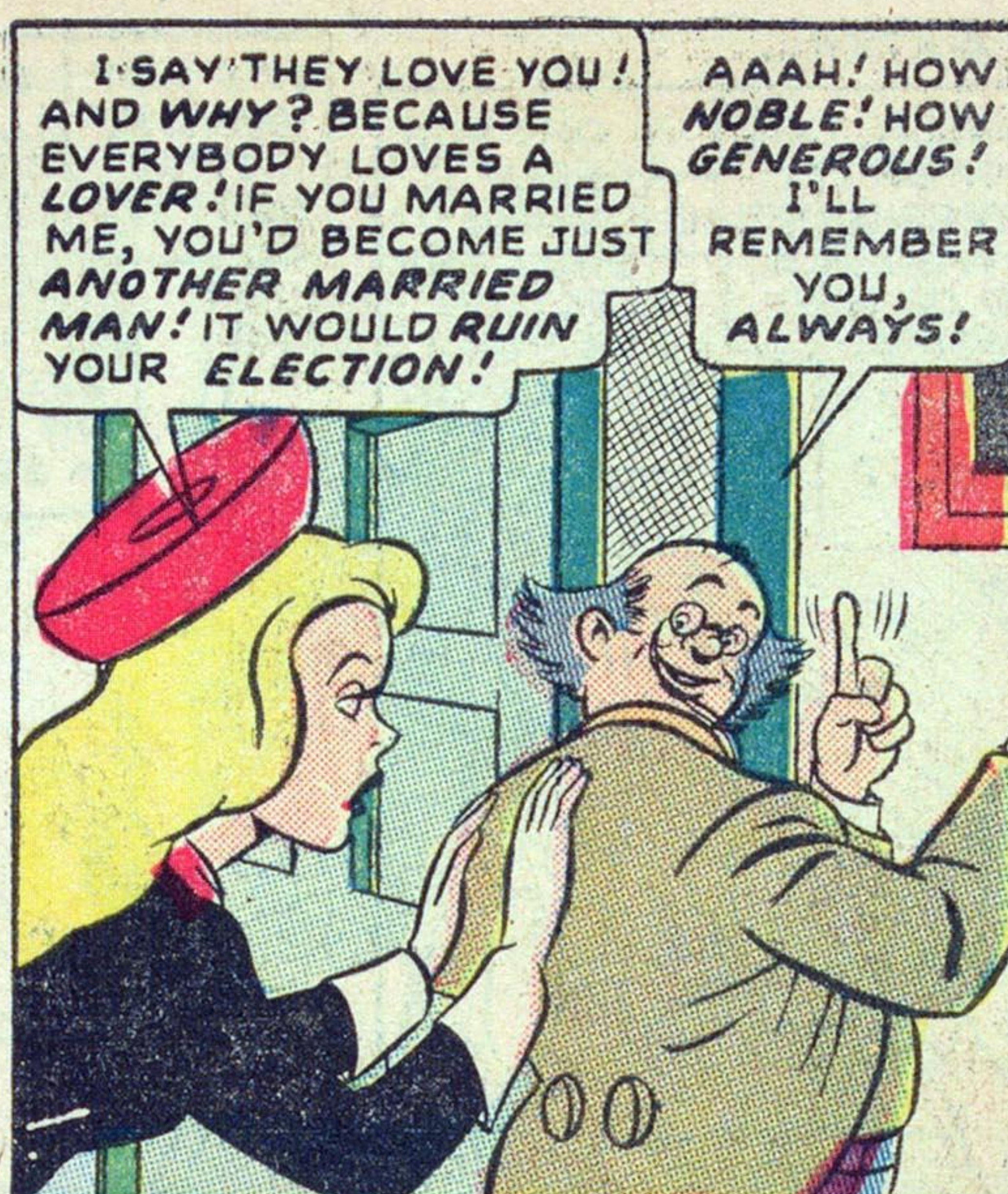
WHY? AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, I STAND ON MY RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES! I DEMAND TO KNOW **WHY!** **WHY?**





THE AMERICAN PEOPLE LOVE YOU! IT IS THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE! IT IS YOUR DUTY TO MARRY ME!

NO, WINDY, THEY LOVE YOU! THAT'S WHY I CAN'T MARRY YOU! IT WOULD RUIN YOU!

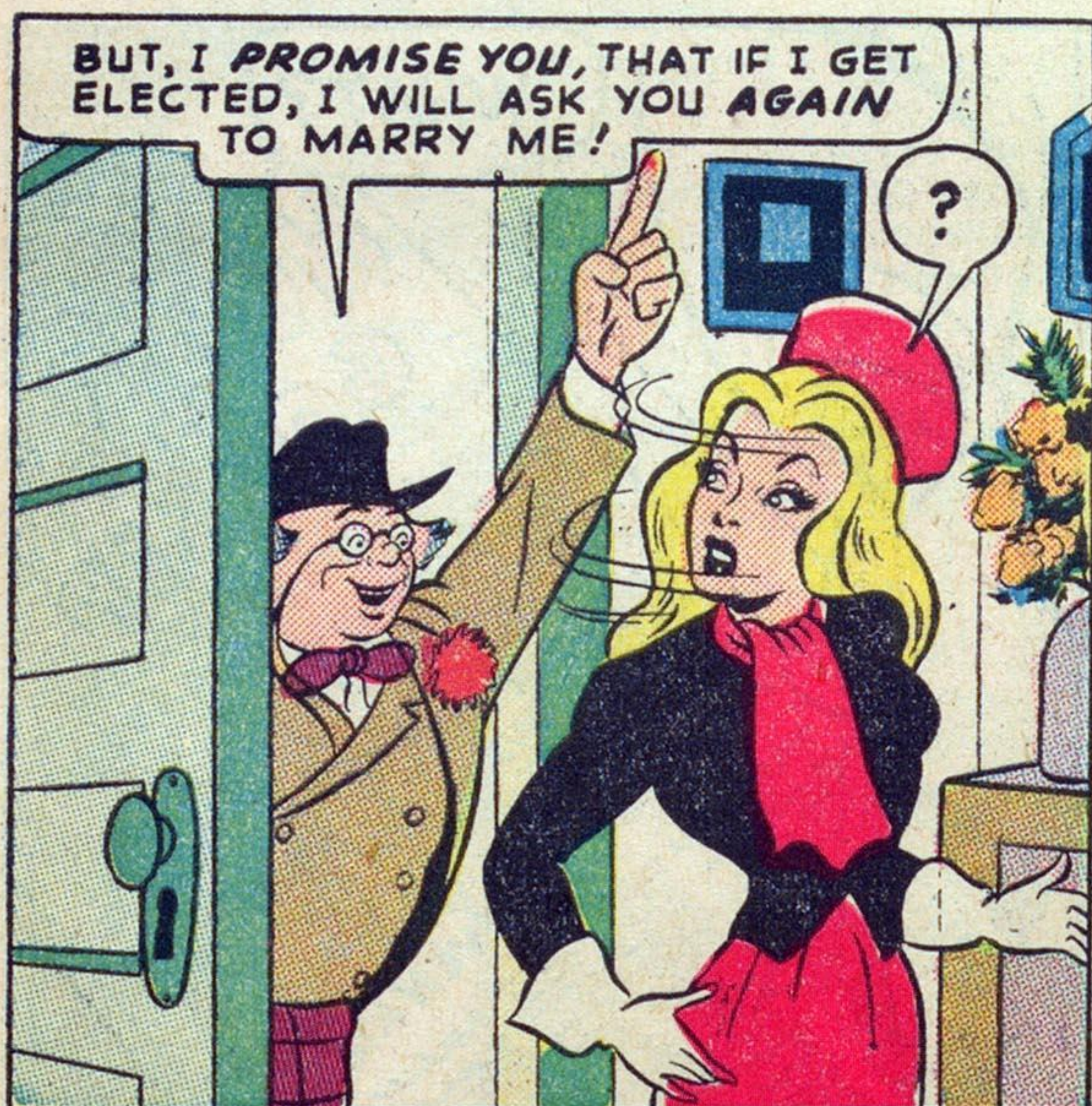


I SAY THEY LOVE YOU! AND WHY? BECAUSE EVERYBODY LOVES A LOVER! IF YOU MARRIED ME, YOU'D BECOME JUST ANOTHER MARRIED MAN! IT WOULD RUIN YOUR ELECTION!

AAAHH! HOW NOBLE! HOW GENEROUS! I'LL REMEMBER YOU, ALWAYS!



WHEW! THAT WAS CLOSE!



BUT, I PROMISE YOU, THAT IF I GET ELECTED, I WILL ASK YOU AGAIN TO MARRY ME!

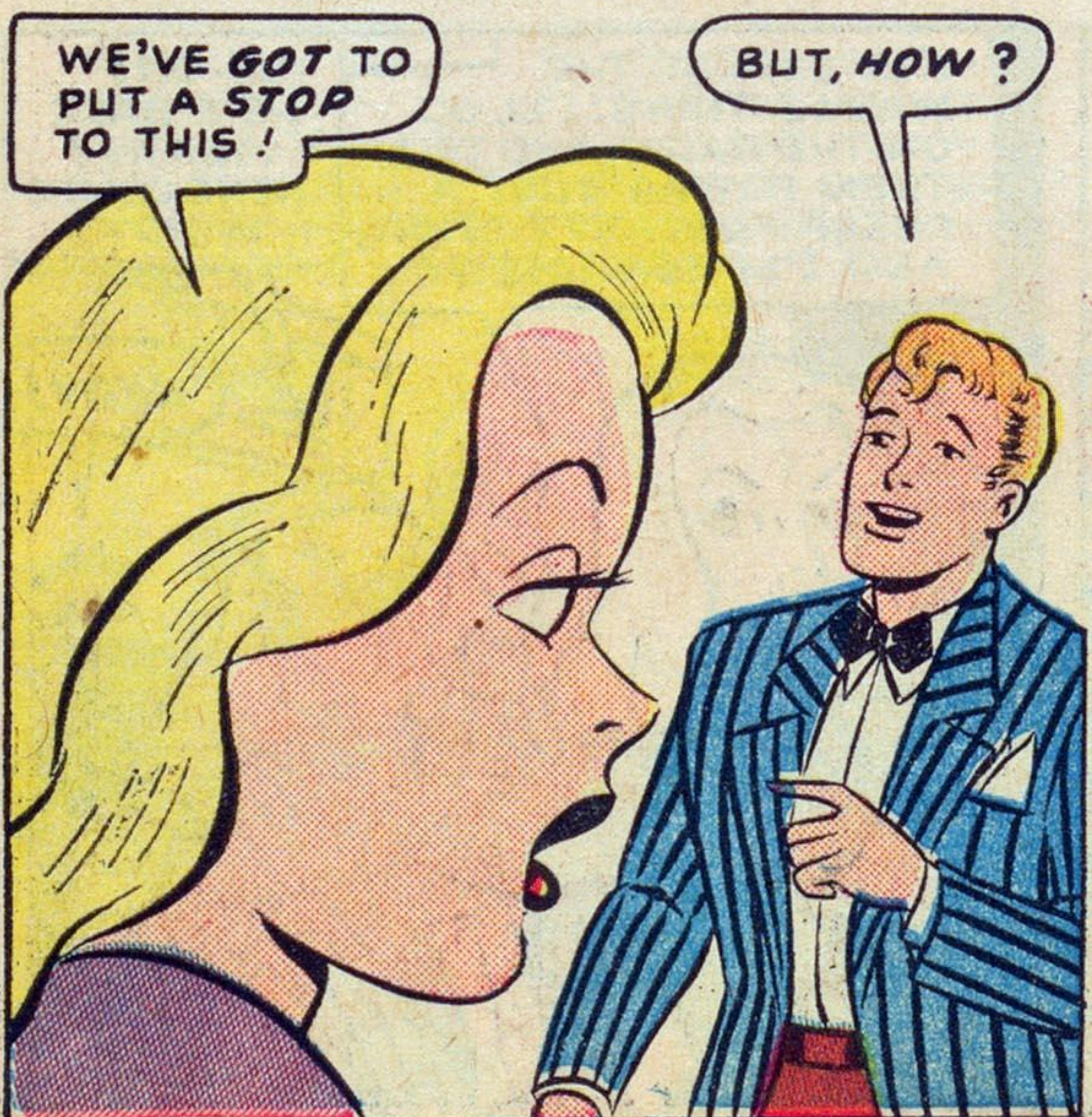
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LATER...

I'M SORRY I EVER STARTED THIS! I'LL NEVER GET RID OF HIM!

YOU ASKED FOR IT, HEDY! YOU WANTED PUBLICITY, AND YOU HIT THE JACK POT!



WE'VE GOT TO PUT A STOP TO THIS!

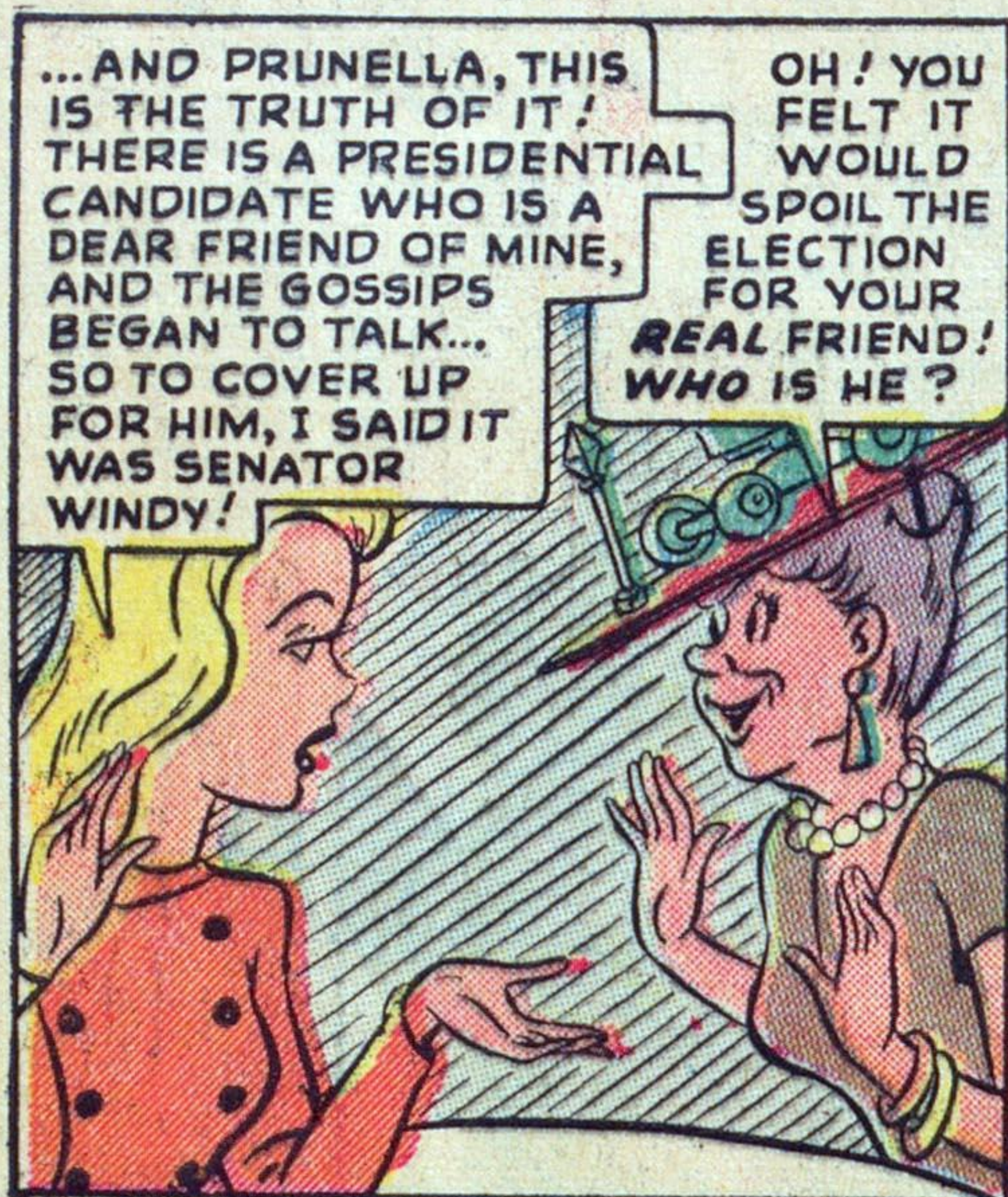
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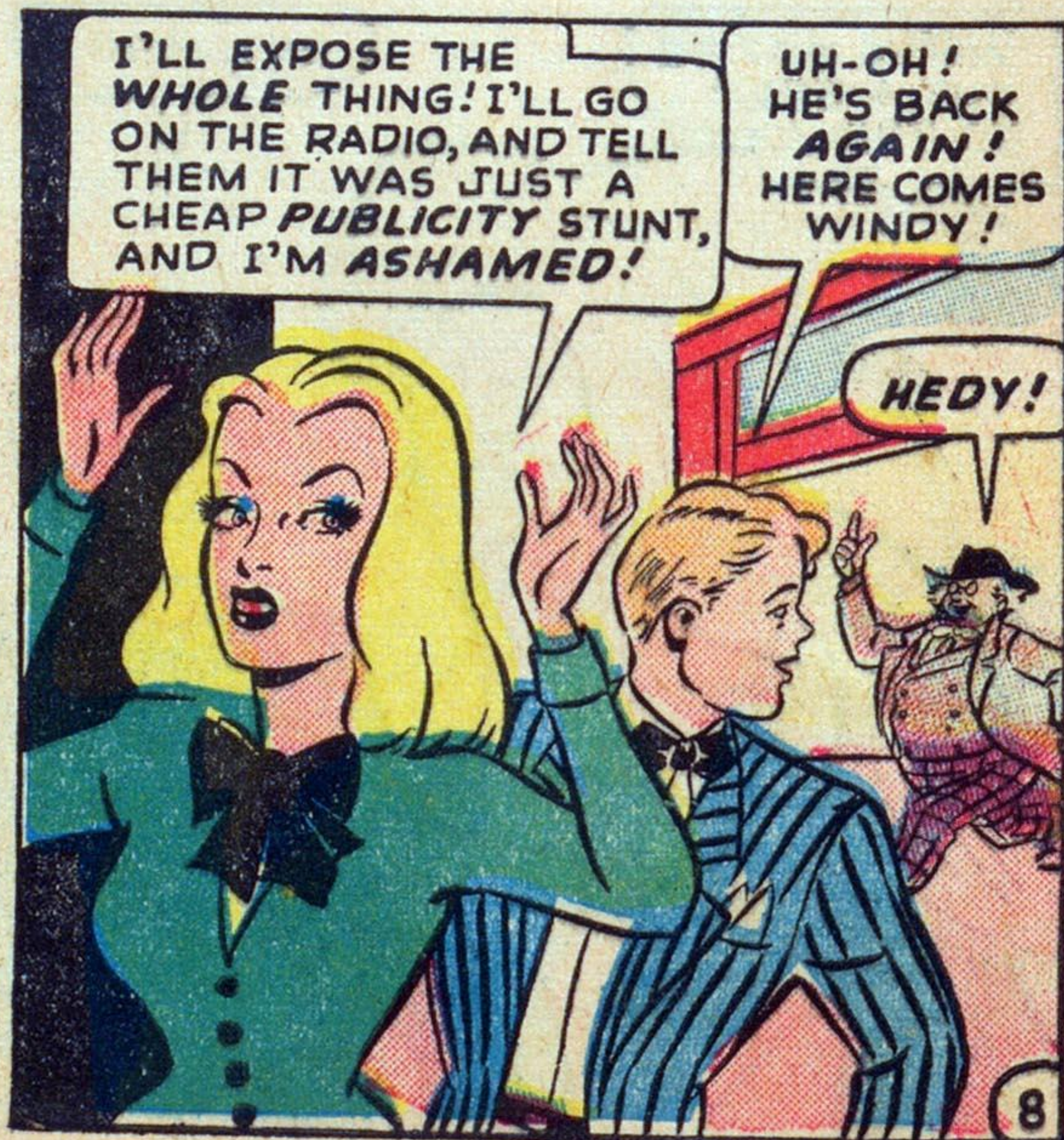
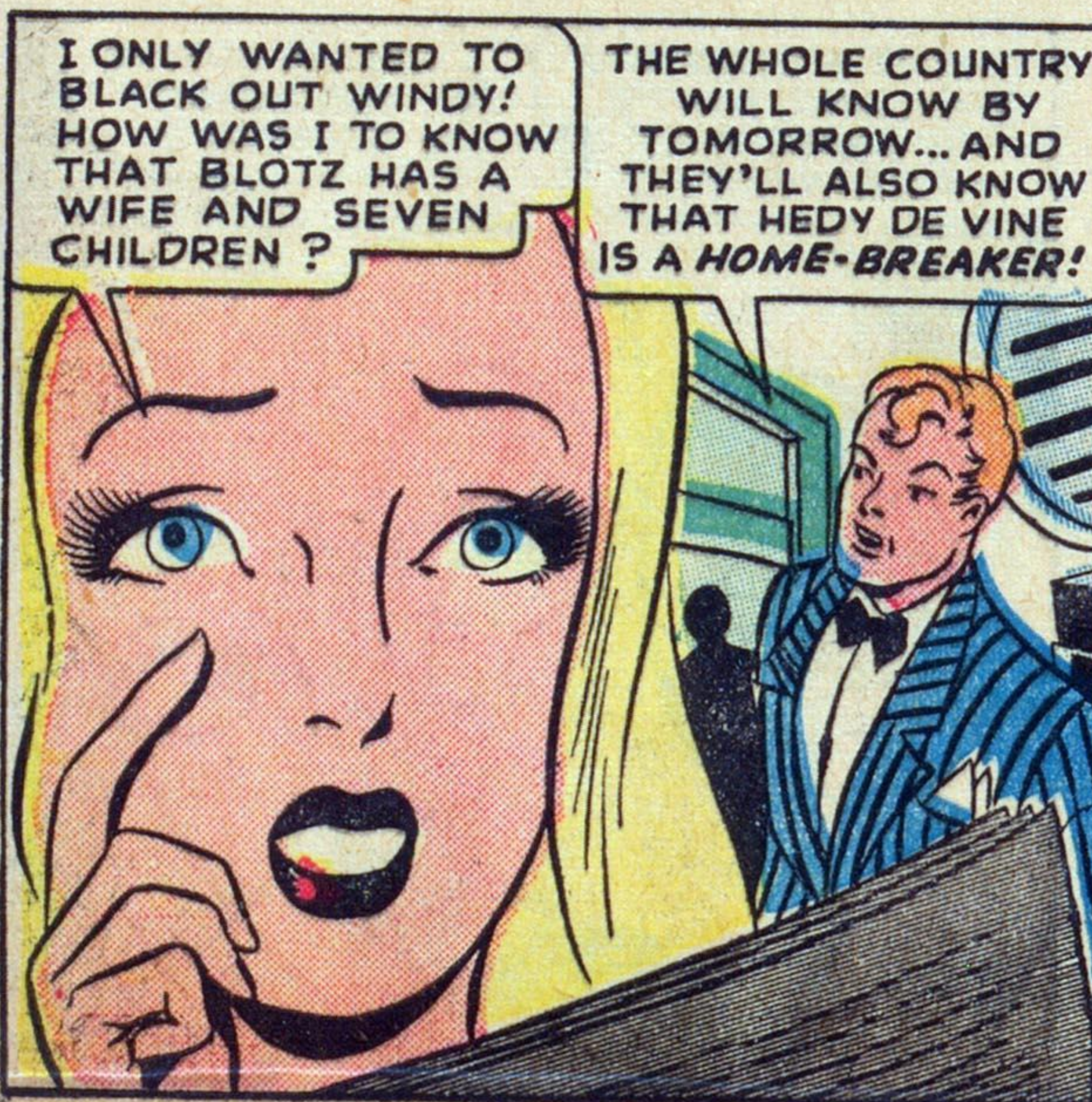
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY, AND THAT'S THE SAME WAY WE STARTED IT!

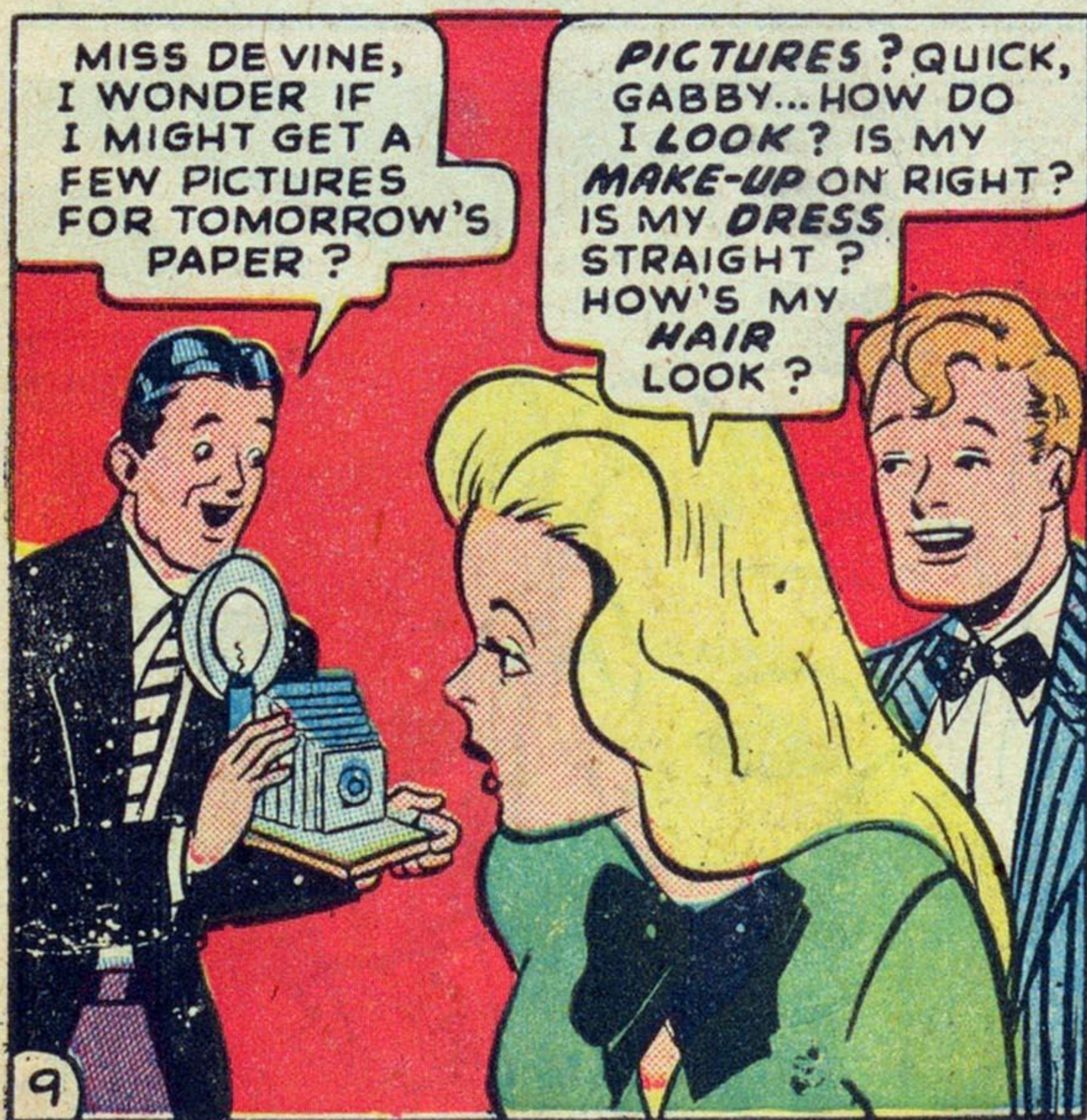
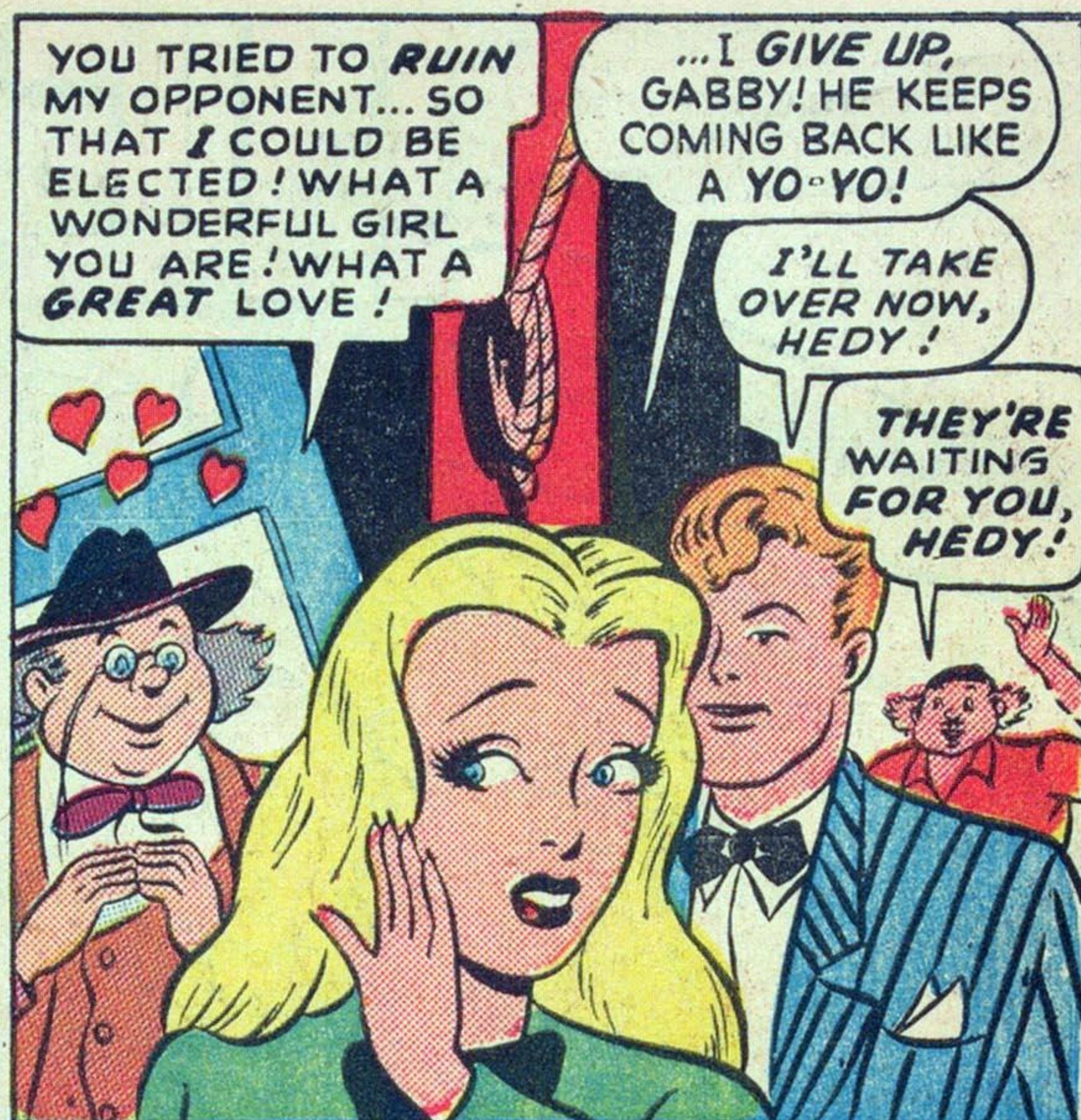
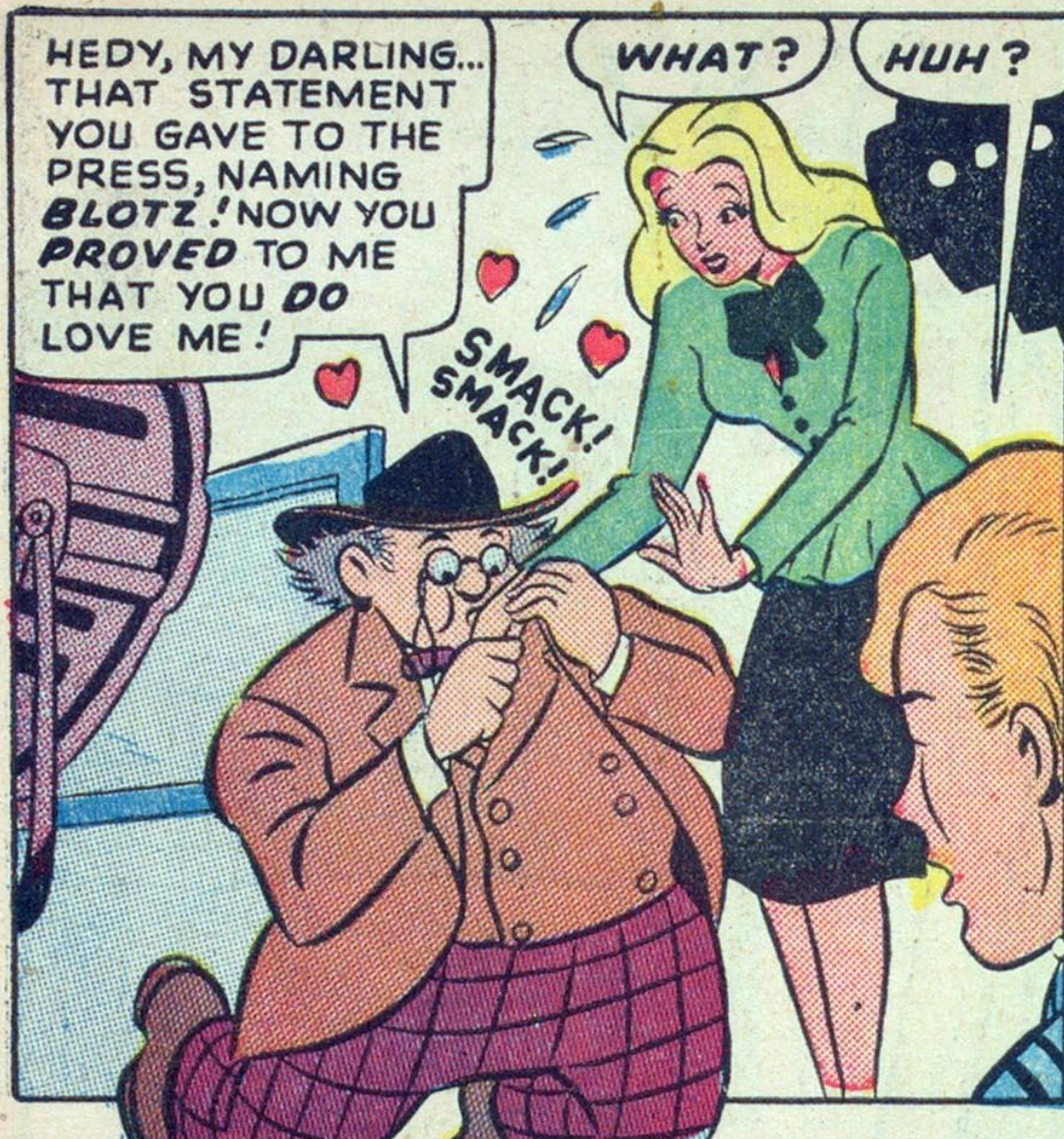
HELLO, IS THIS PRUNELLA CARTER?

LATER...



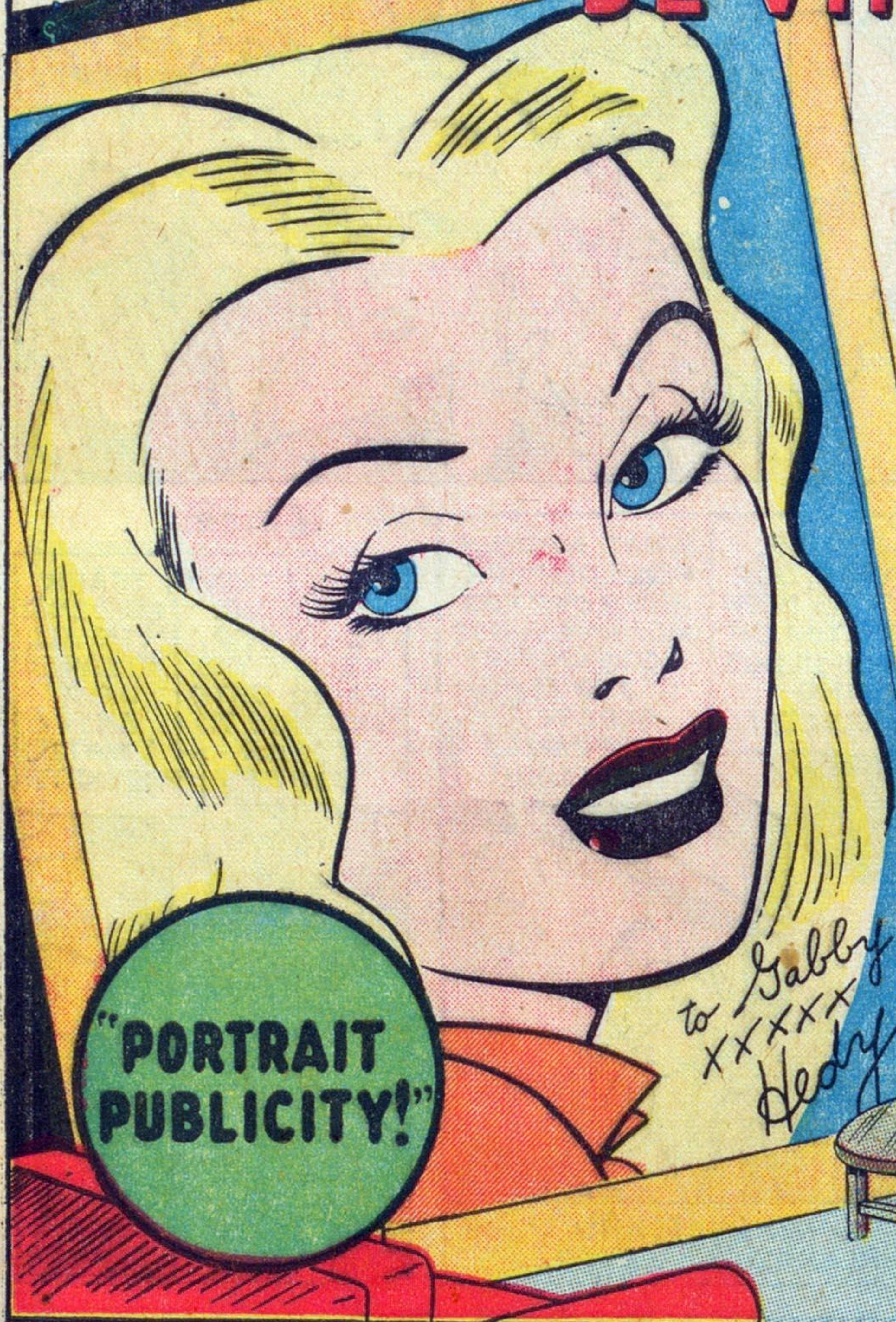
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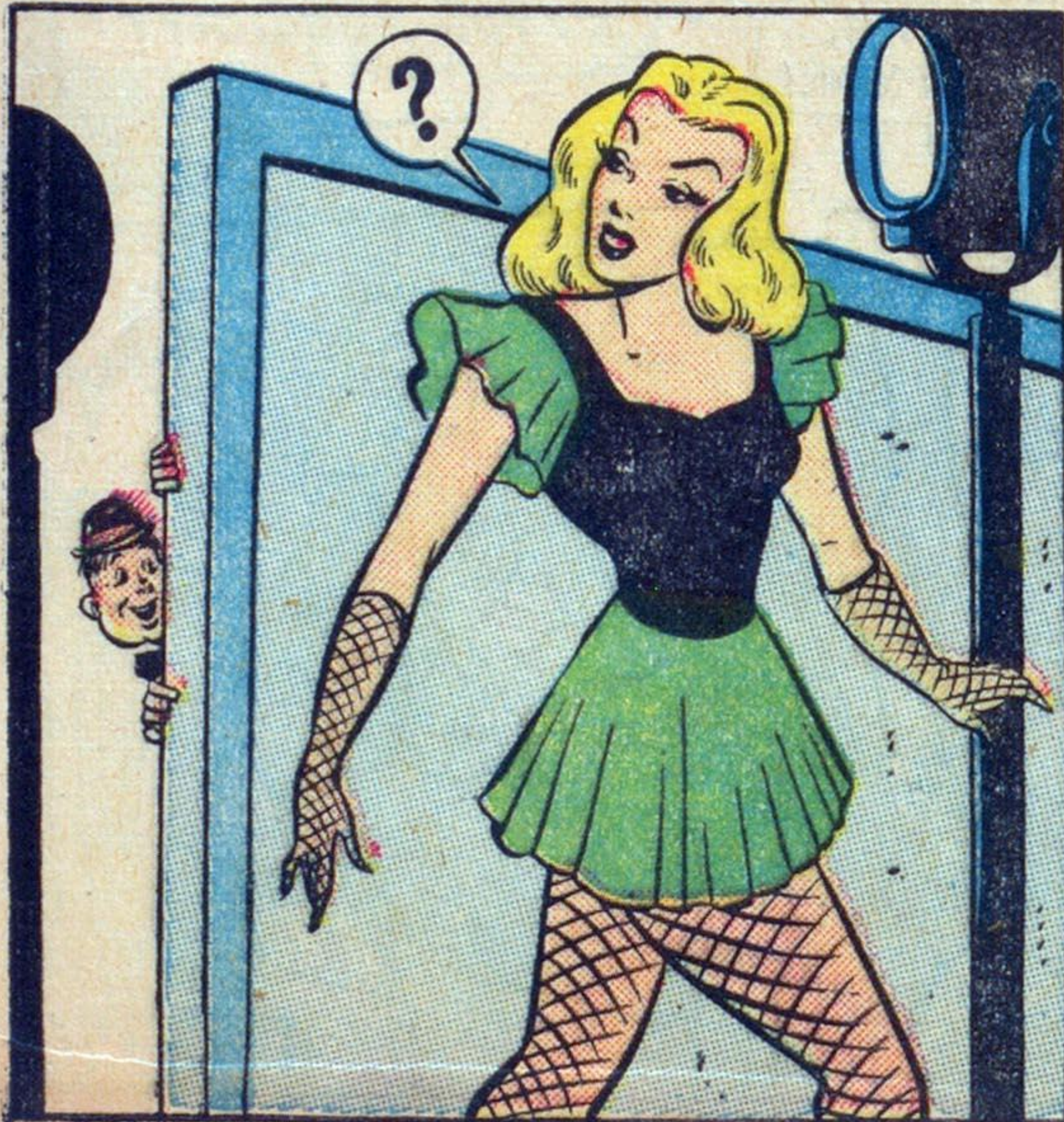


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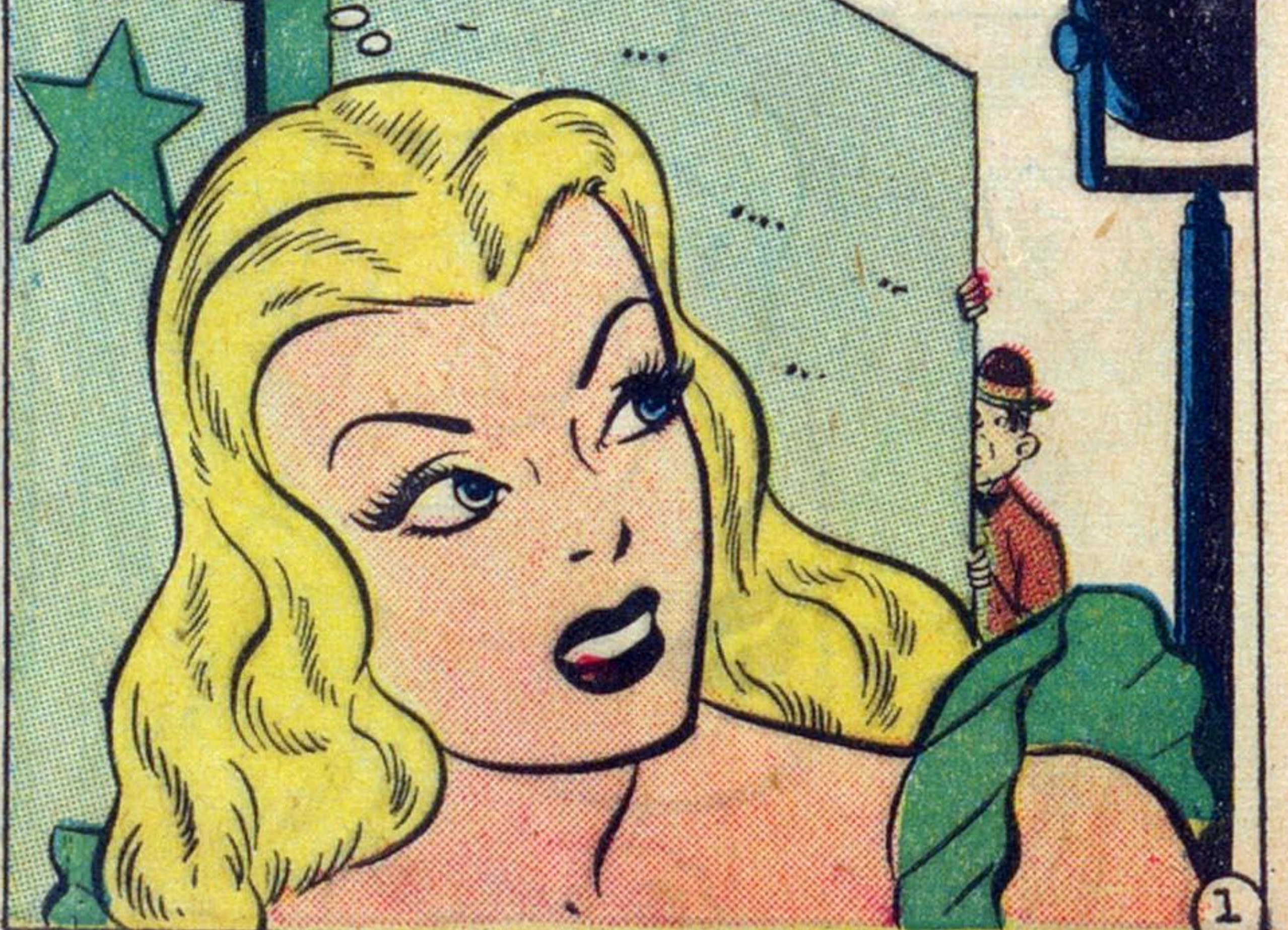
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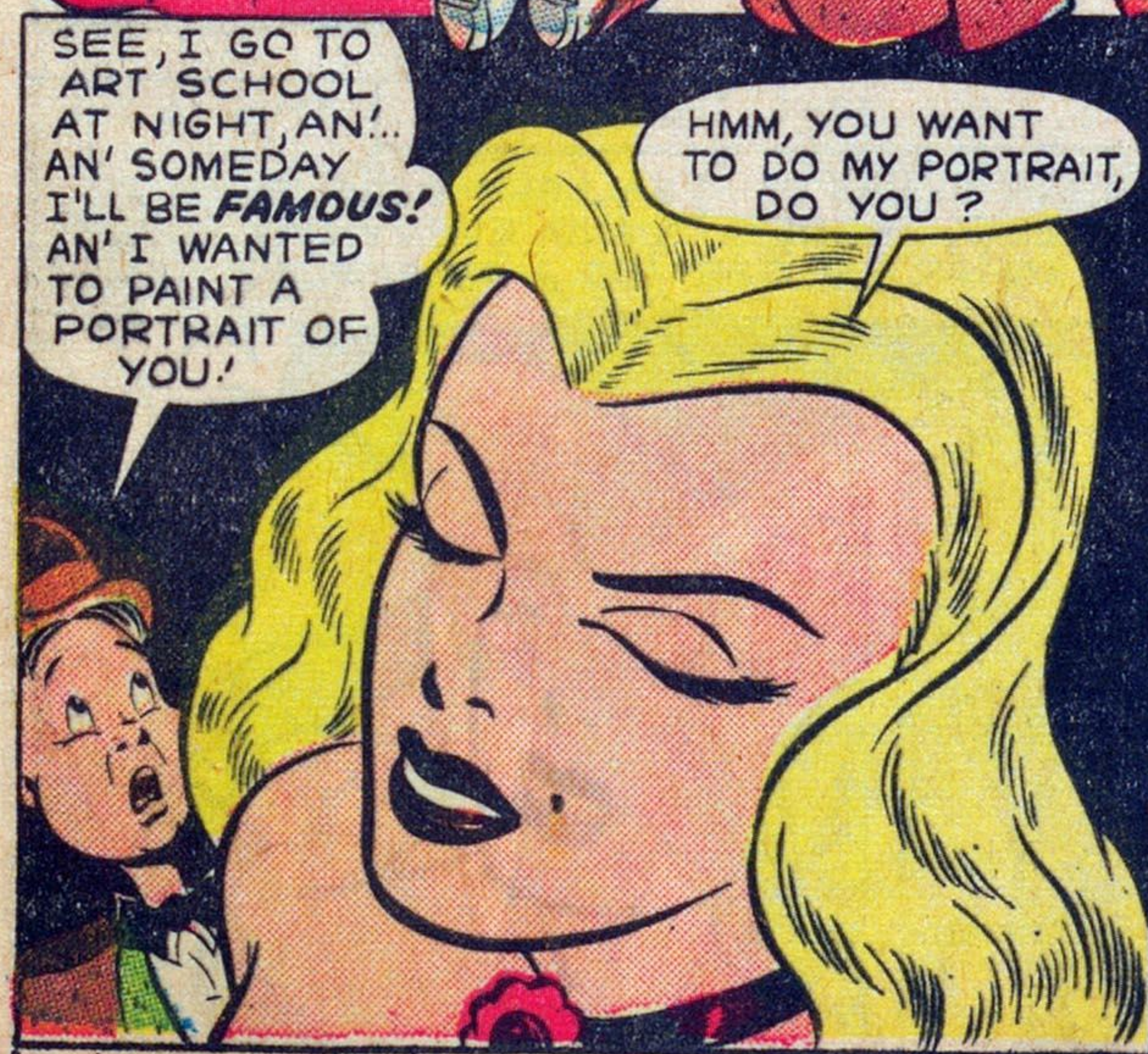
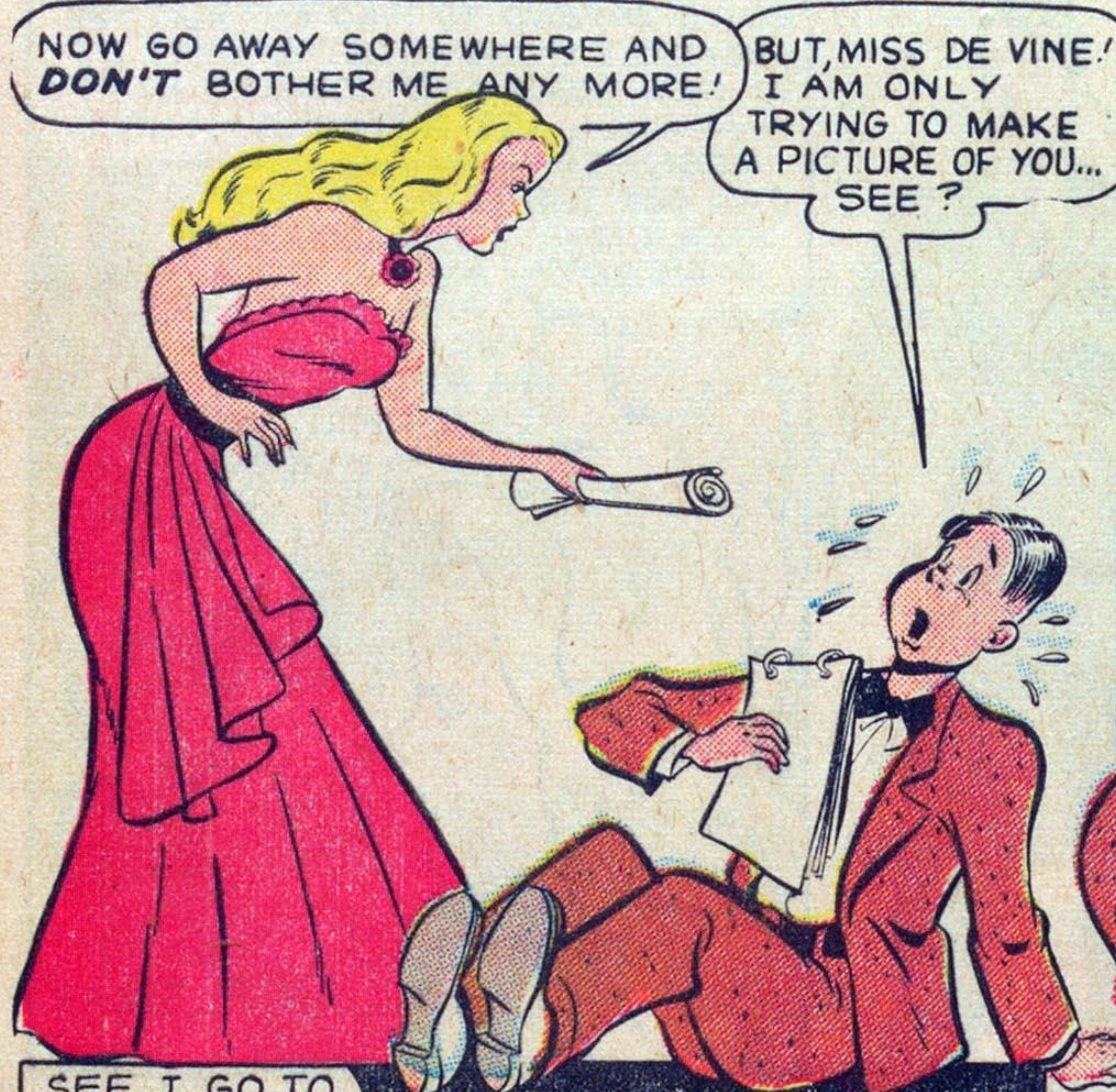


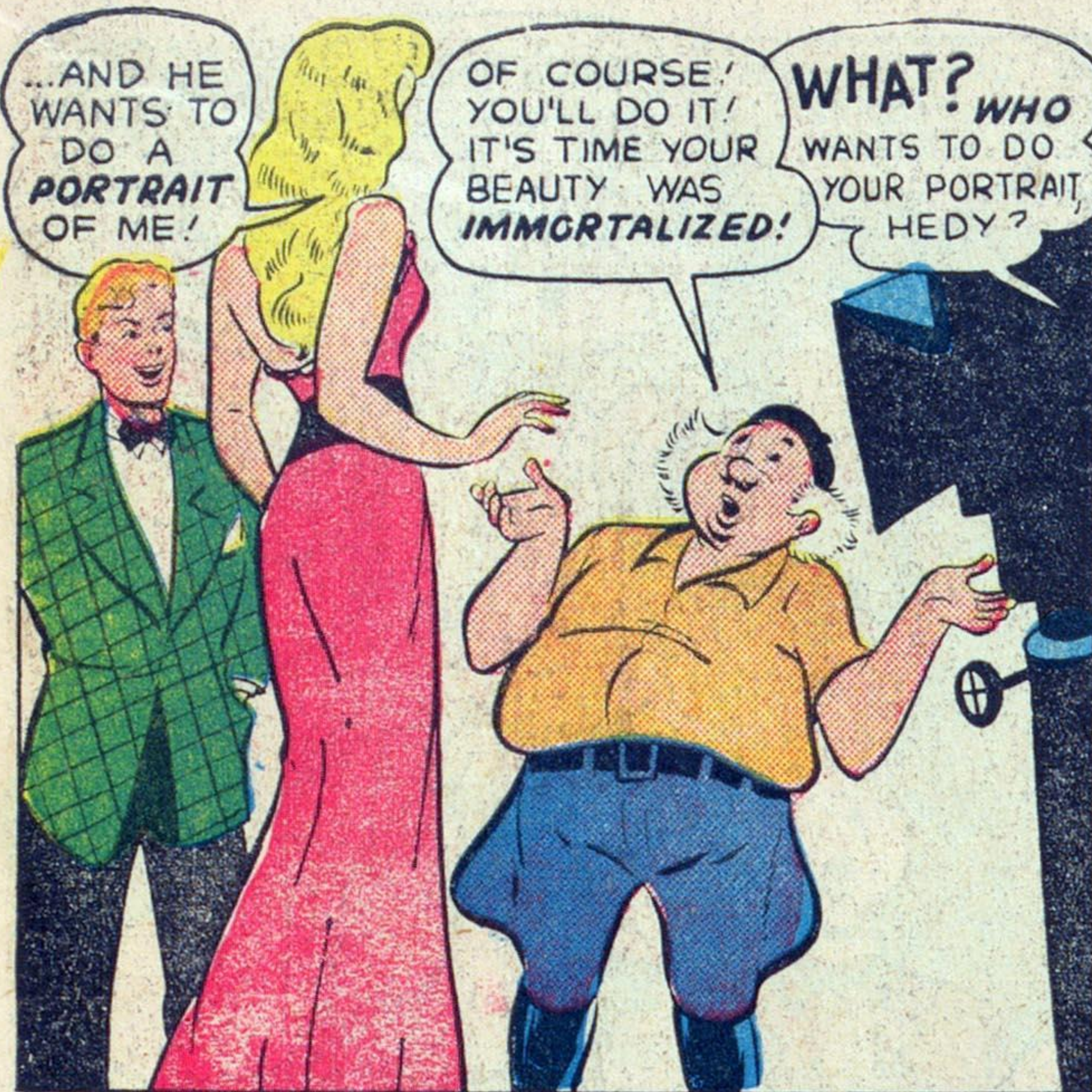
YES, HEDY, IT'S BEAUTIFUL... BUT I THINK I'LL HAVE A LITTLE DIFFICULTY GETTING IT INTO MY WALLET!



THAT STRANGE FACE HAS BEEN PEERING AT ME ALL MORNING!







...AND HE WANTS TO DO A **PORTRAIT** OF ME!

OF COURSE! YOU'LL DO IT! IT'S TIME YOUR BEAUTY WAS **IMMORTALIZED!**

WHAT? WHO WANTS TO DO YOUR PORTRAIT, HEDY?



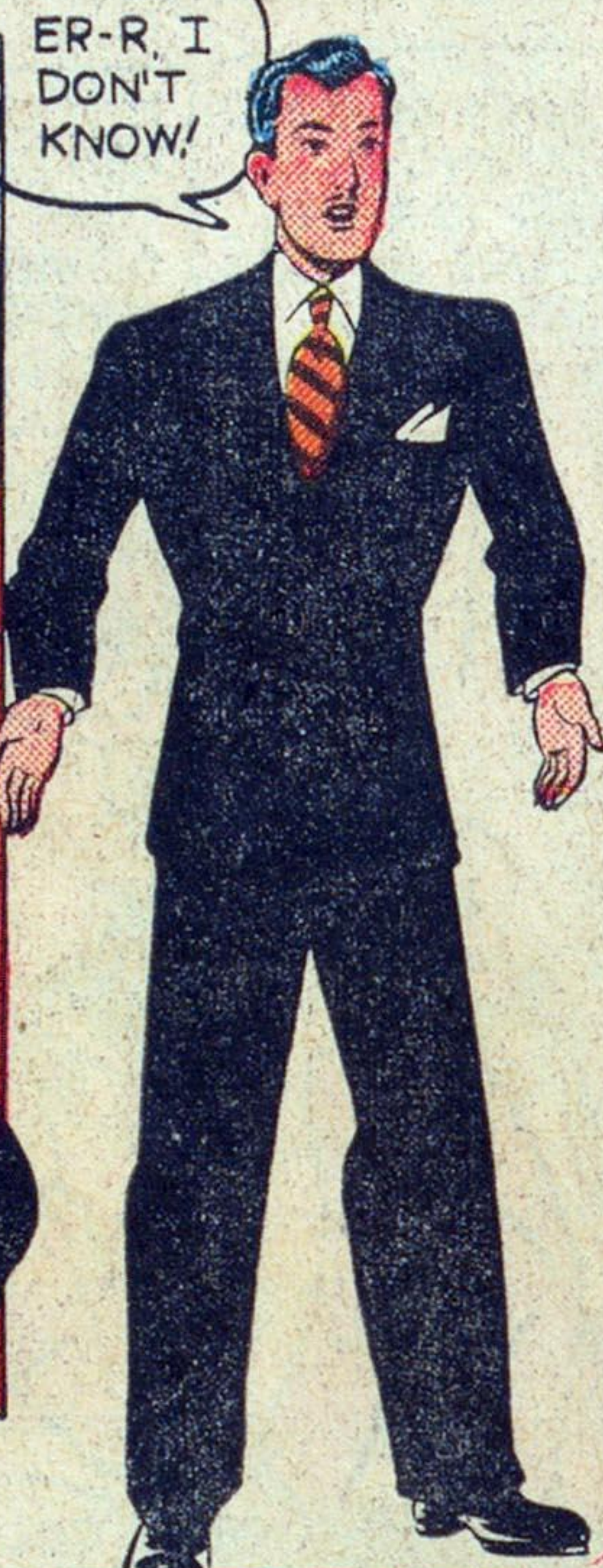
WHY... THERE'S A YOUNG ART STUDENT ON THE LOT, AND..

PAINTED BY A MERE STUDENT? NEVER! DON'T FORGET, HEDY, YOU ARE HOLLYWOOD'S MOST GLAMOROUS STAR!



YOU WILL HAVE YOUR PORTRAIT PAINTED BY SOMEONE WHO IS **FIT** TO PAINT YOU! A **GENIUS**, NO LESS! WE'LL COMMISSION THE **GREATEST ARTIST** ALIVE! HE ALONE WILL **IMMORTALIZE** THE BEAUTY OF OUR **HEDY DE VINE!**

WHO?



ER-R, I DON'T KNOW!



BUT I **INTEND** TO FIND OUT WHO THE GREATEST LIVING ARTIST IS! WE'LL GO TO NEW YORK AND CONSULT EVERY ART AUTHORITY THERE!

GOSH! I CAN SEE THE PUBLICITY **ALREADY!**

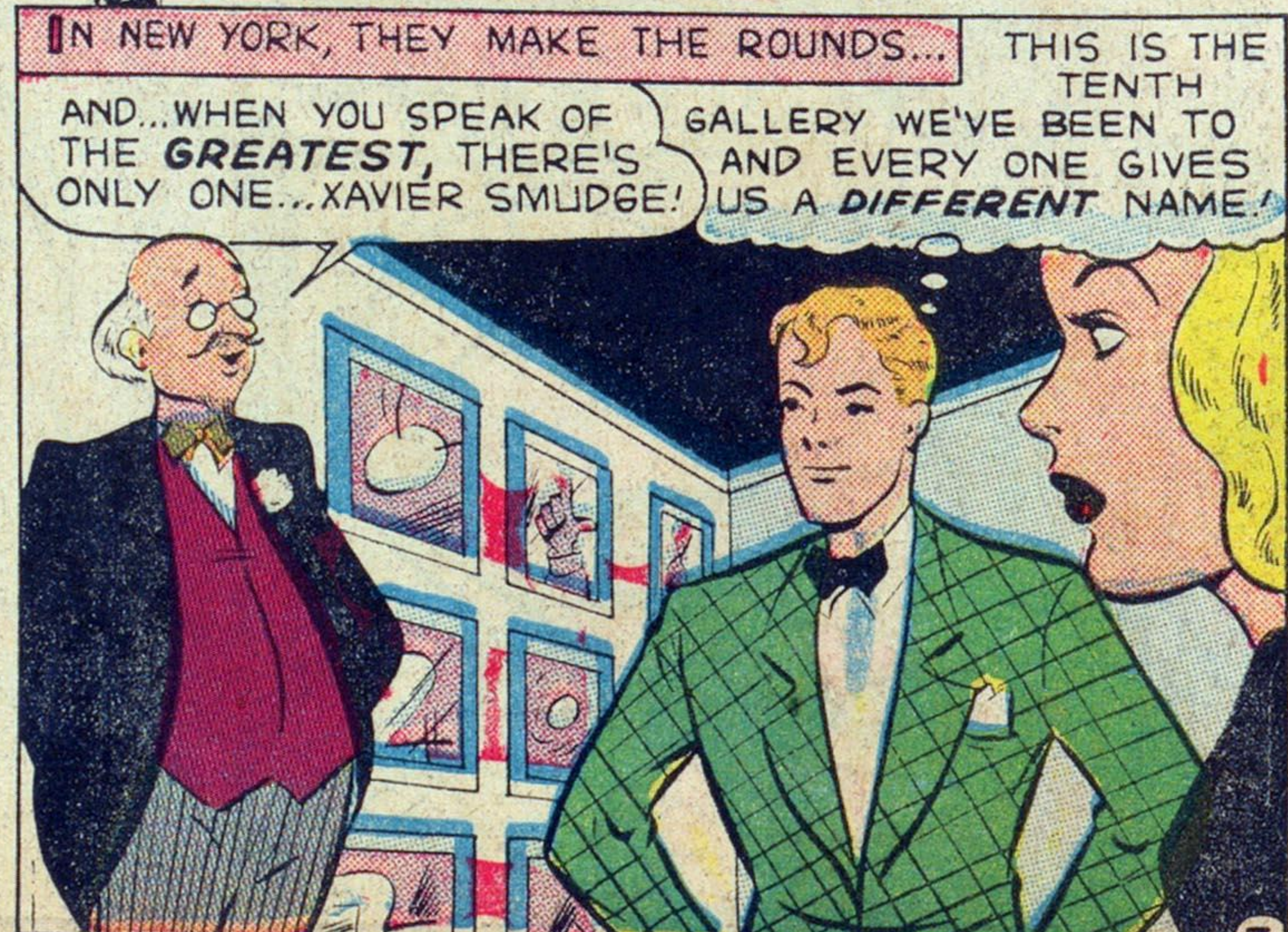
GOLLY! THAT'S HOLLYWOOD! NEVER DO A THING **SIMPLY**, IF YOU CAN MAKE A **PRODUCTION** OUT OF IT!



LATER... WE'LL COVER **EVERY** ART GALLERY IN NEW YORK! WE'LL MAKE IT THE **BIGGEST** THING THAT'S EVER HAPPENED IN THE HISTORY OF ART!

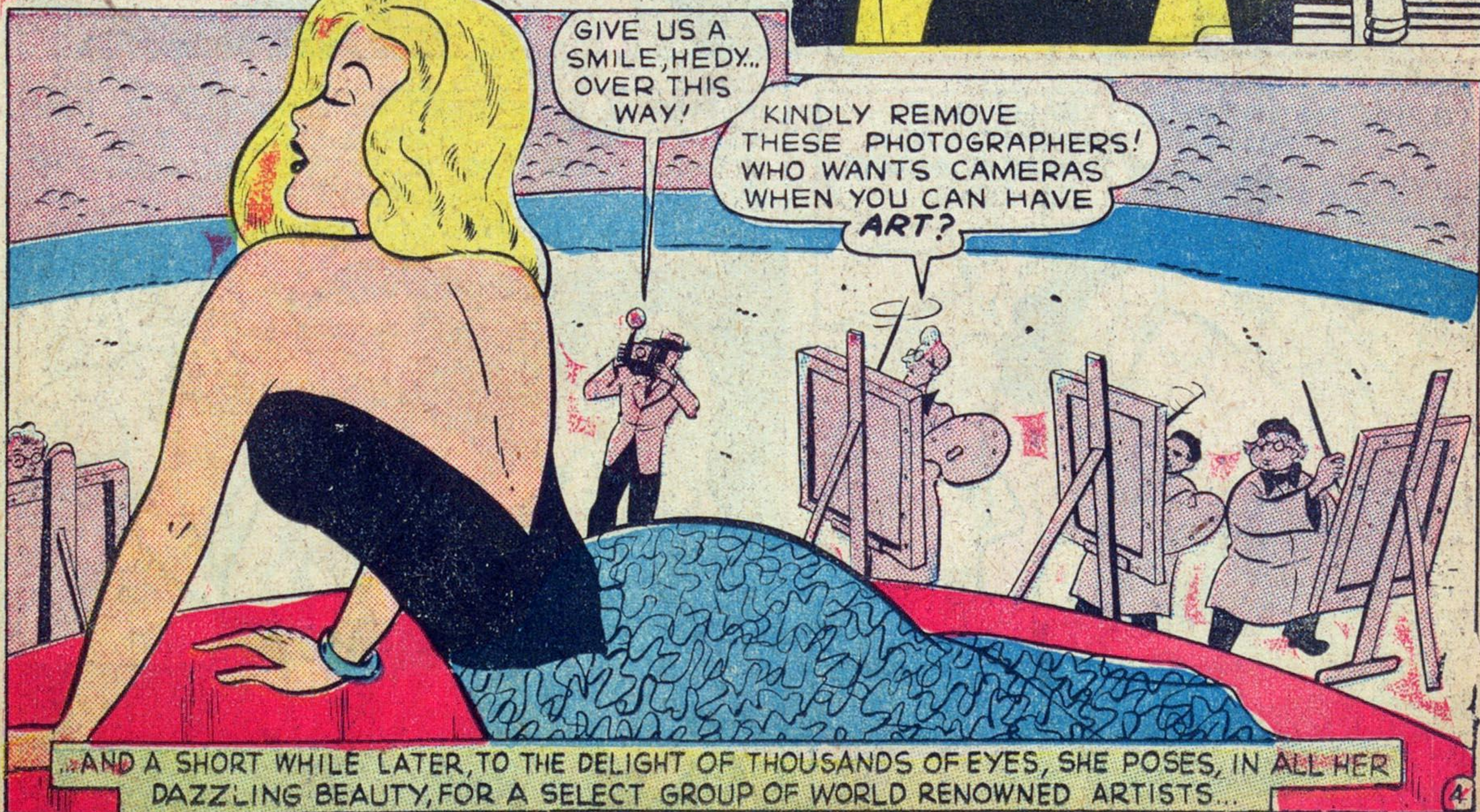
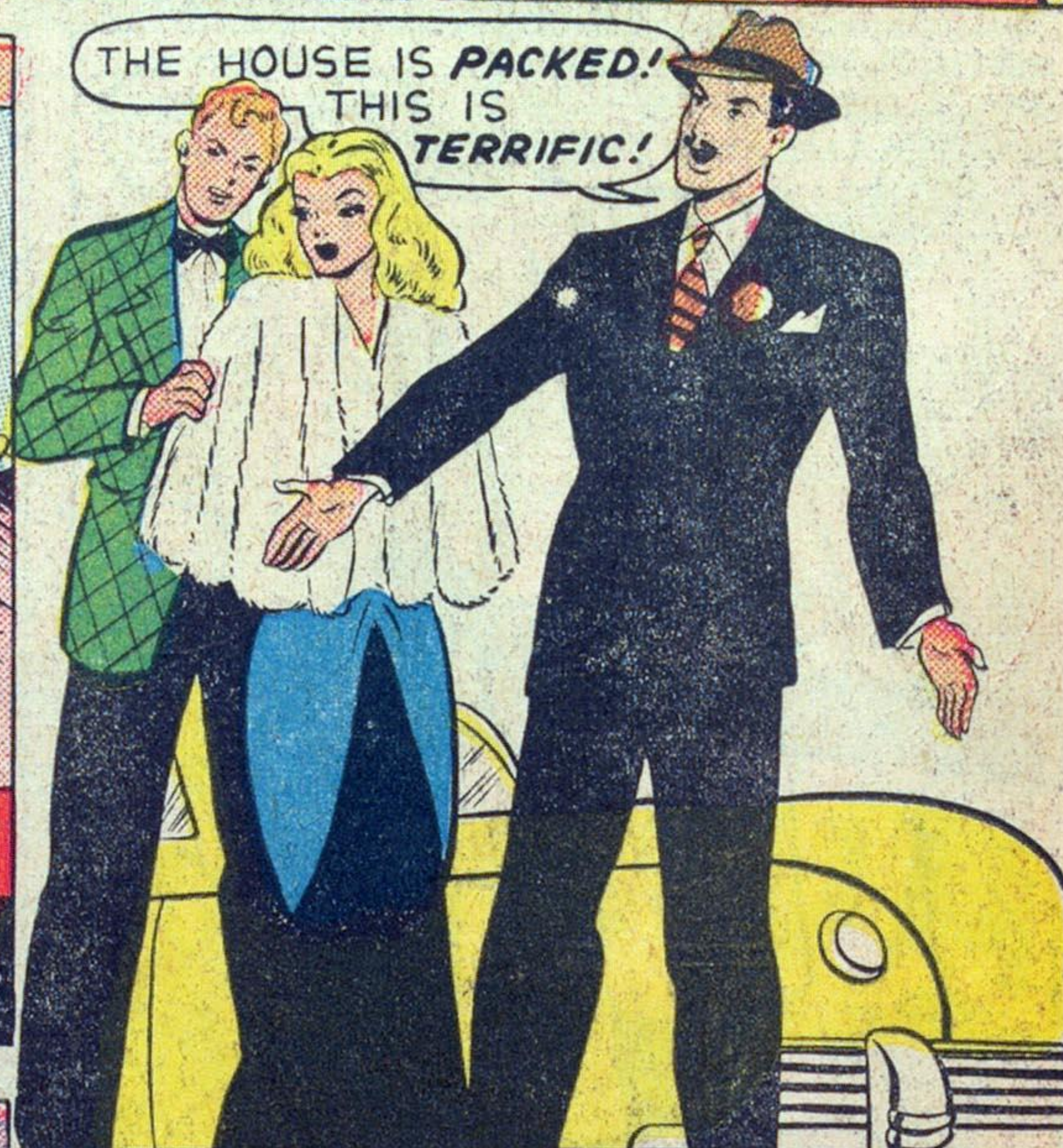
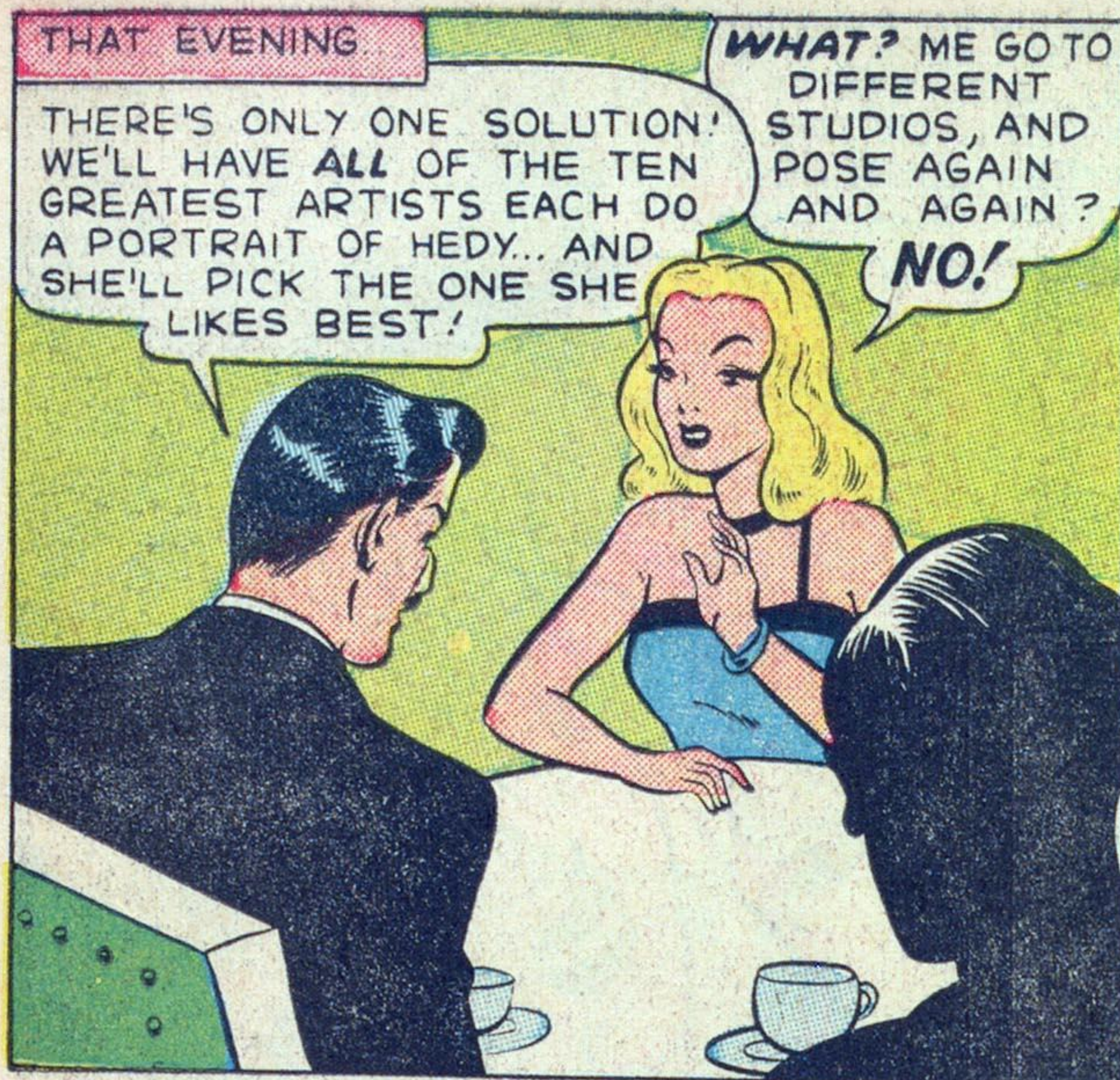
COLOSSAL!

STUPENDOUS!



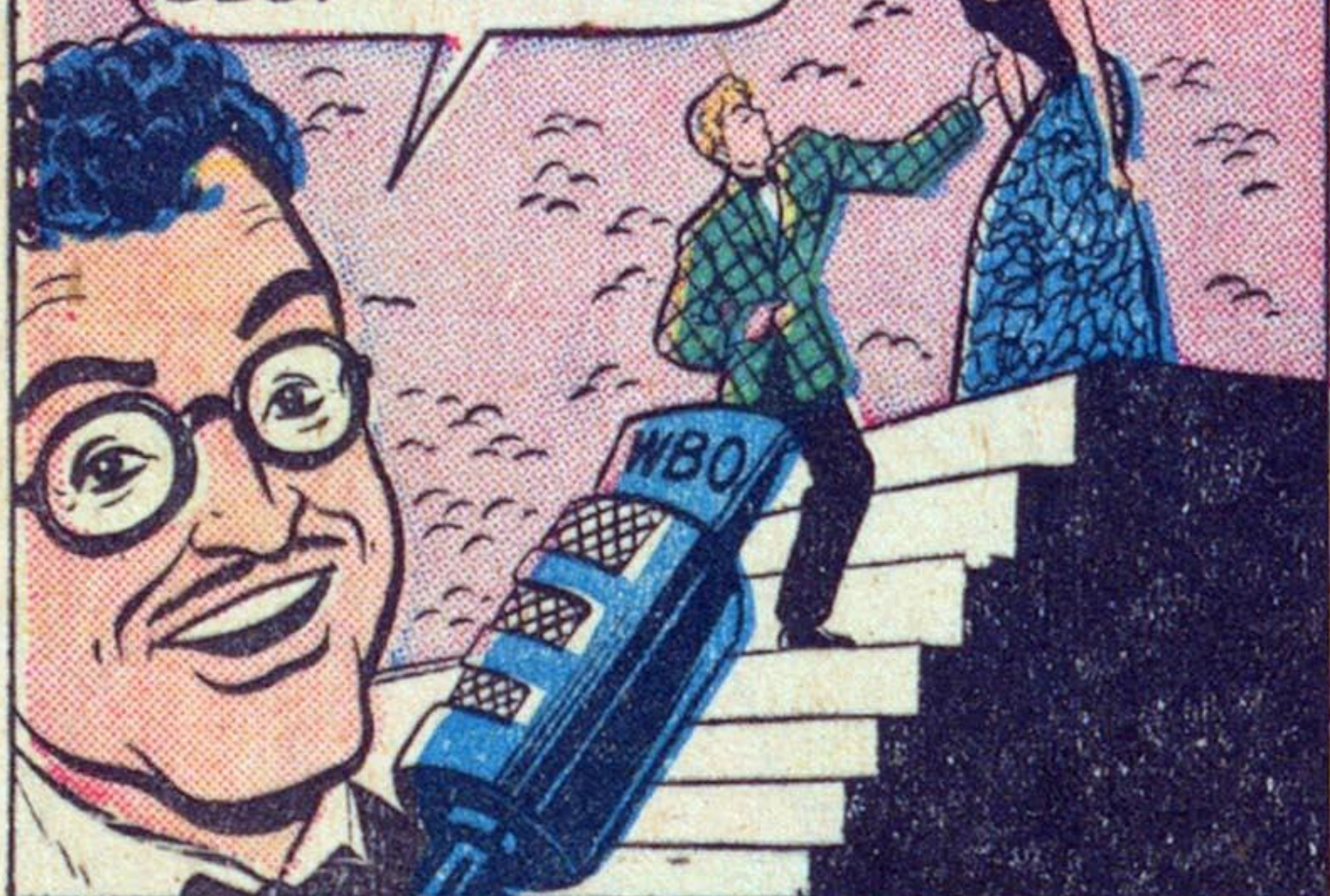
IN NEW YORK, THEY MAKE THE ROUNDS... AND...WHEN YOU SPEAK OF THE **GREATEST**, THERE'S ONLY ONE...XAVIER SMLUDGE!

THIS IS THE TENTH GALLERY WE'VE BEEN TO AND EVERY ONE GIVES US A **DIFFERENT** NAME!



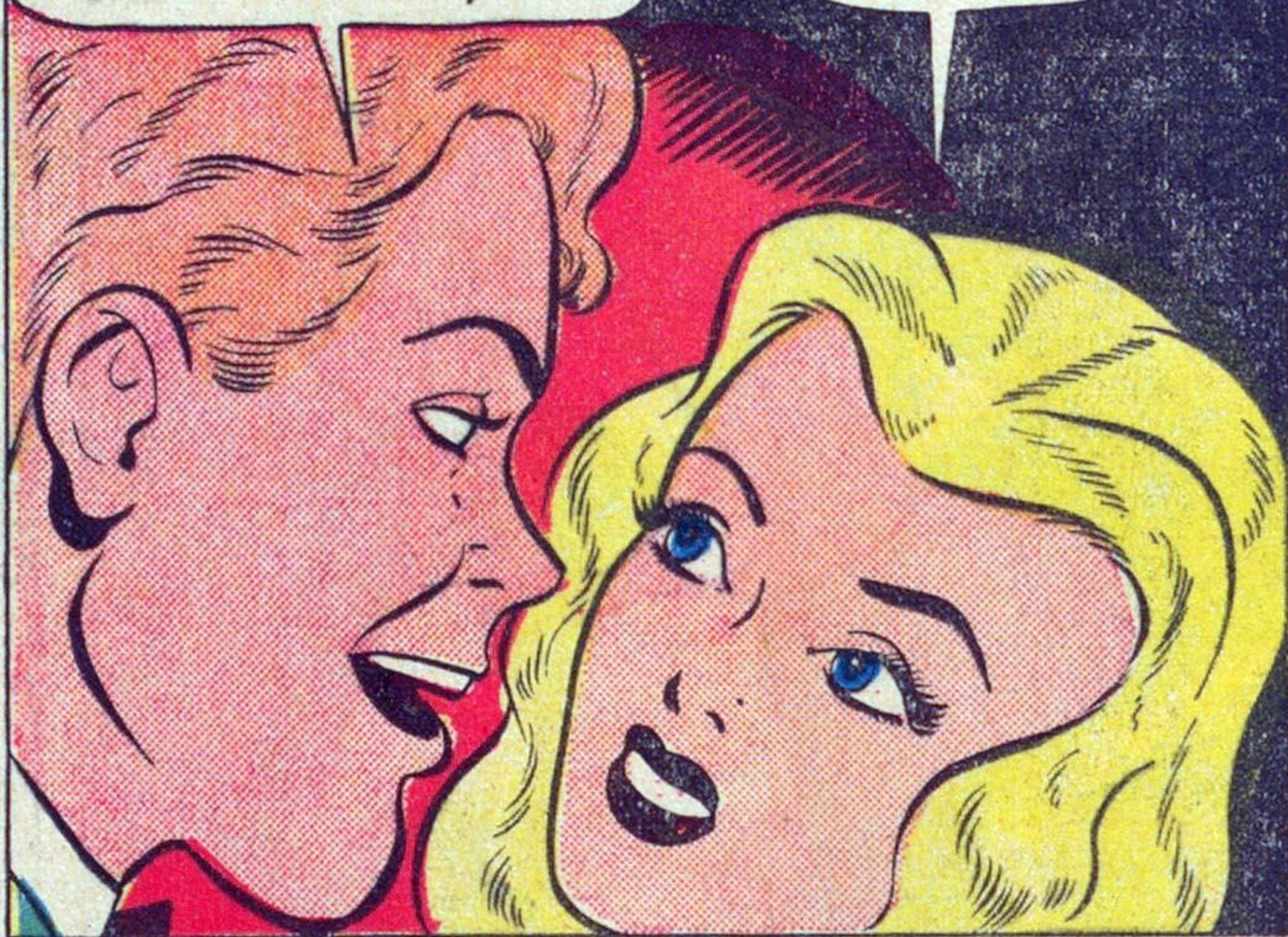
FINALLY, THE PORTRAITS ARE FINISHED...

...AND NOW, THAT THRILLING MOMENT HAS COME! MISS DE VINE HAS NOT SEEN AS MUCH AS ONE BRUSH STROKE ON ANY CANVAS HERE! SHE WILL SEE THE PORTRAITS FOR THE **FIRST TIME!** AND NAME THE **CHAMPION...THE WINNAH,** THE PAINTER OF THE **BEST PORTRAIT!**



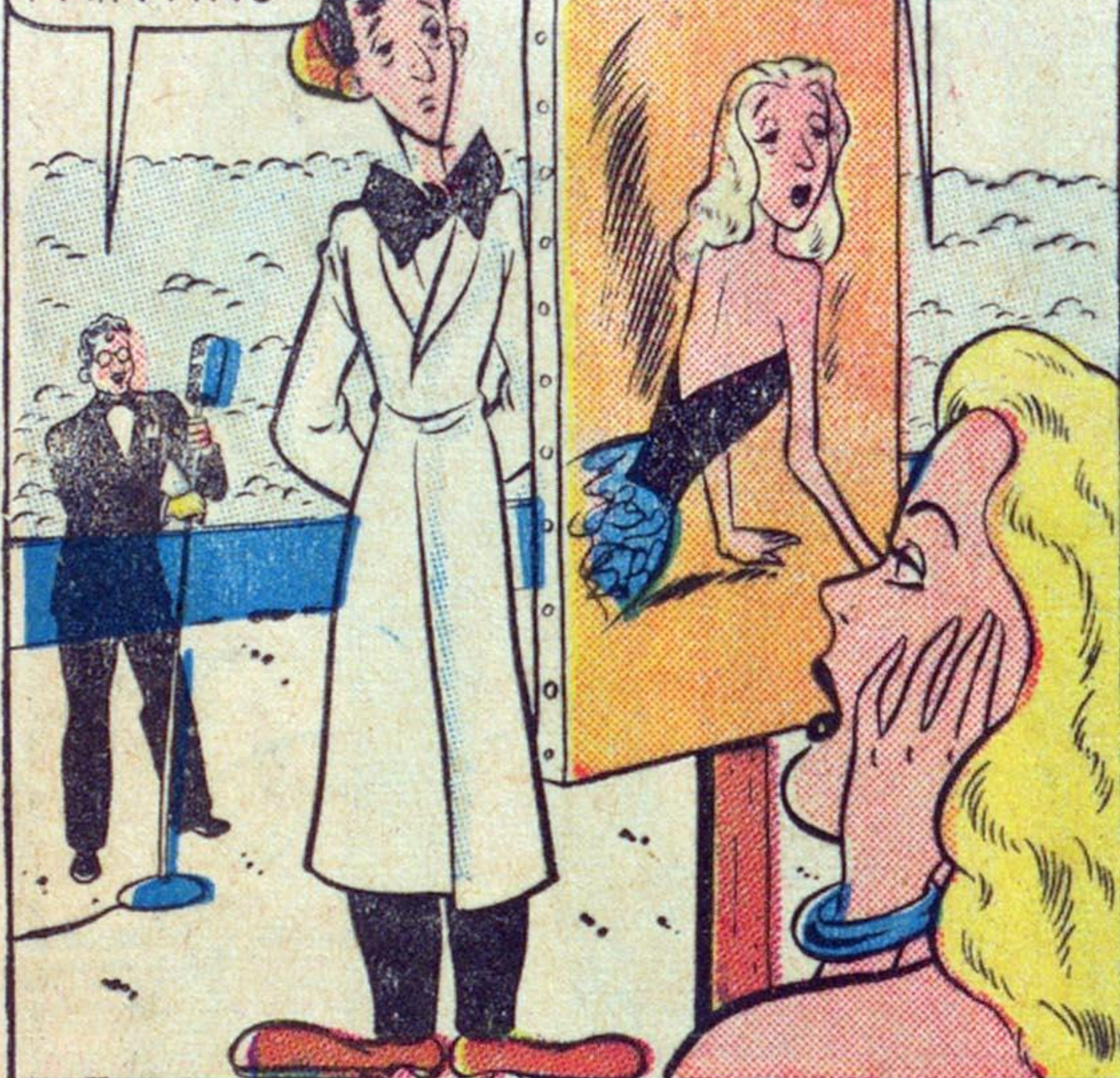
LISTEN, HEDY... MAYBE YOU...ER... WON'T EXACTLY LIKE ONE OR TWO...ER, MAYBE! JUST DON'T BLOW YOUR TOP, HUH?

WHY? WHAT HAVE THEY **DONE?**

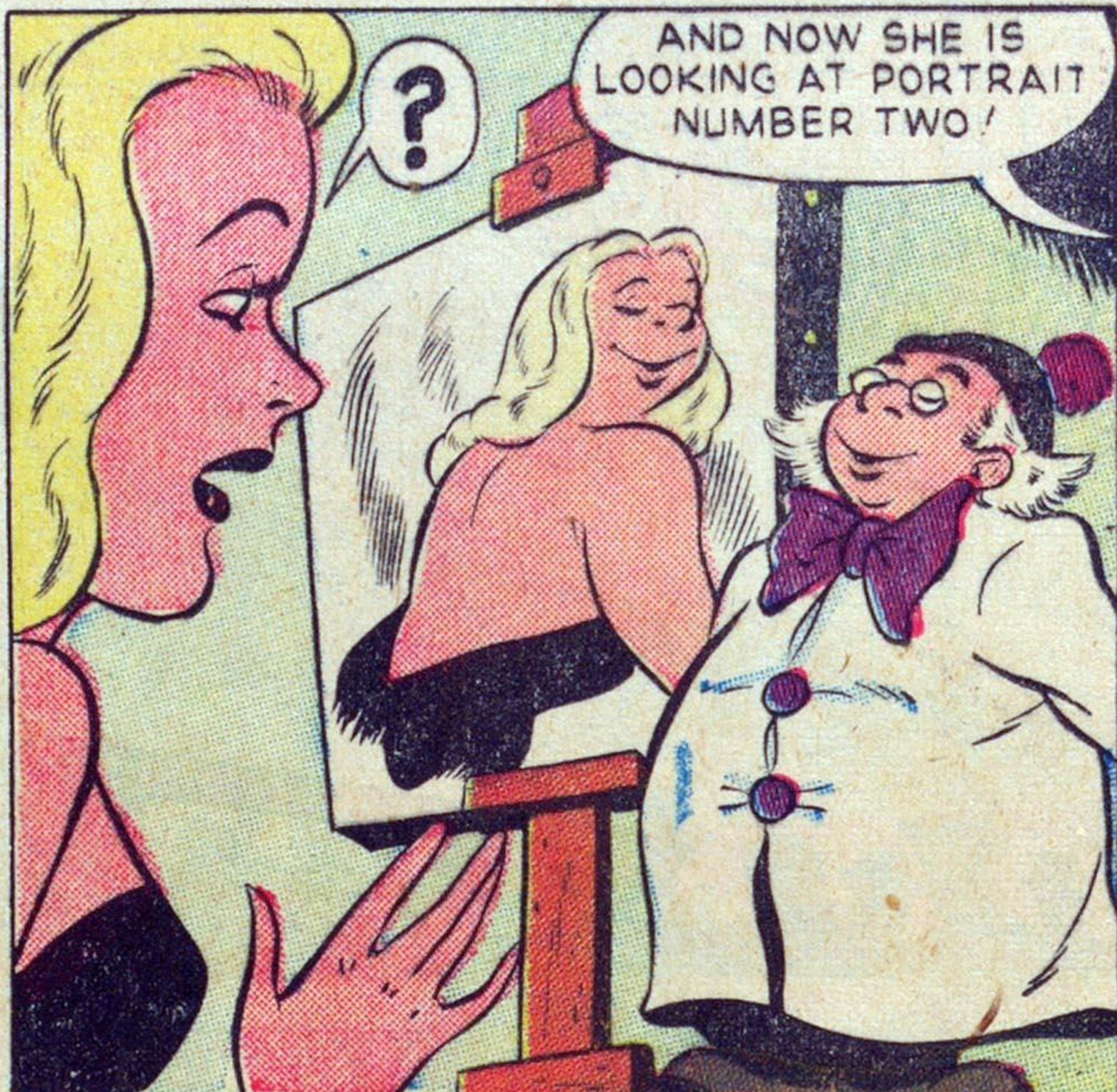


ARTIST NUMBER ONE! MISS DE VINE IS NOW EXAMINING THE PAINTING!

GOLLY! IS THAT **ME?**

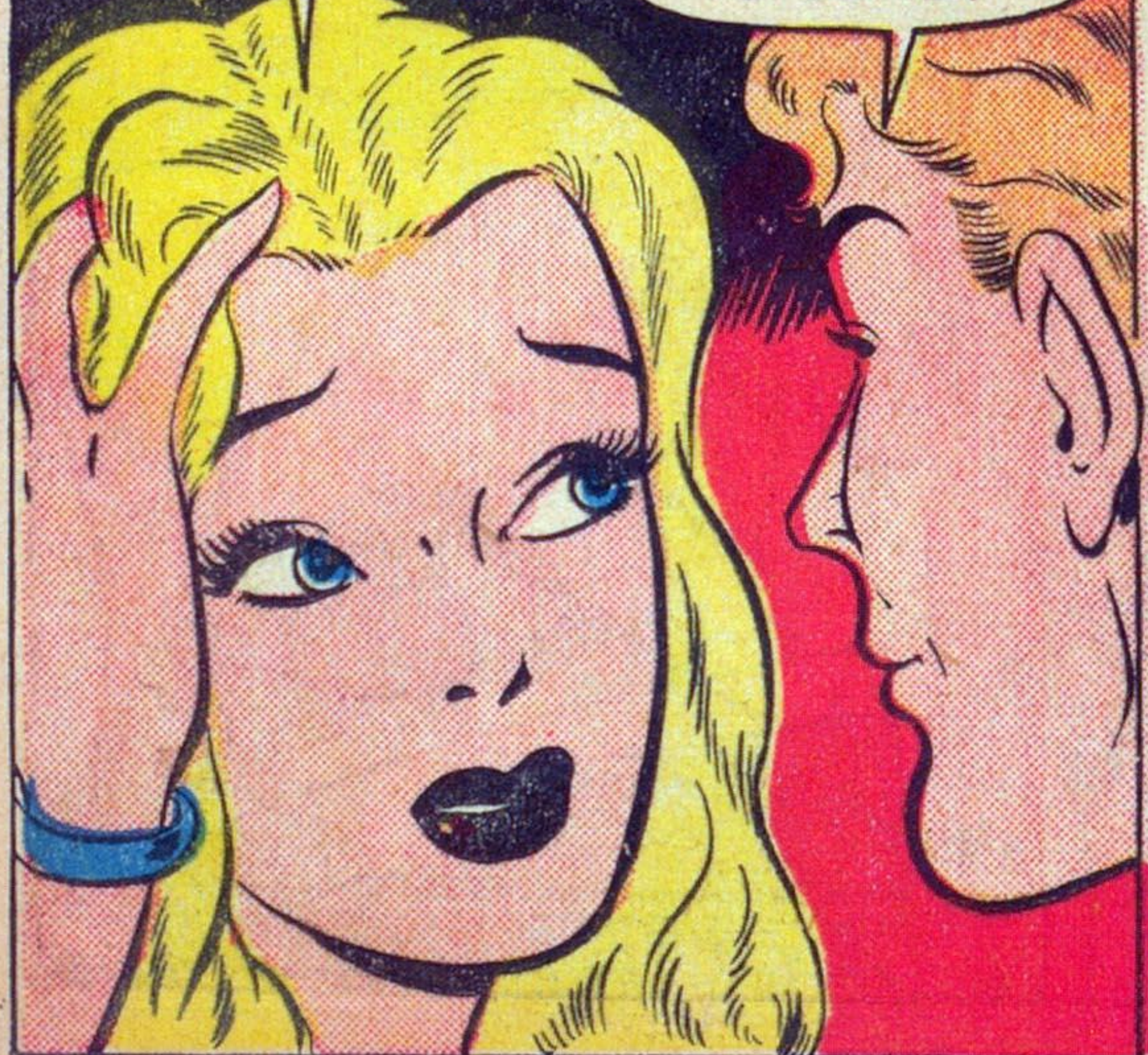


AND NOW SHE IS LOOKING AT PORTRAIT NUMBER TWO!



I'M BEGINNING TO SEE WHAT YOU **MEAN!**

YEAH! BUT TAKE IT EASY... THERE'S **MORE** TO COME!



IF THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A PORTRAIT OF ME, I'D BETTER KEEP QUIET... 'CAUSE EITHER HE'S **GOOFY...** OR I'M **BLIND!** IT'S A GOOD **LIKENESS,** BUT NOT OF **ME!**

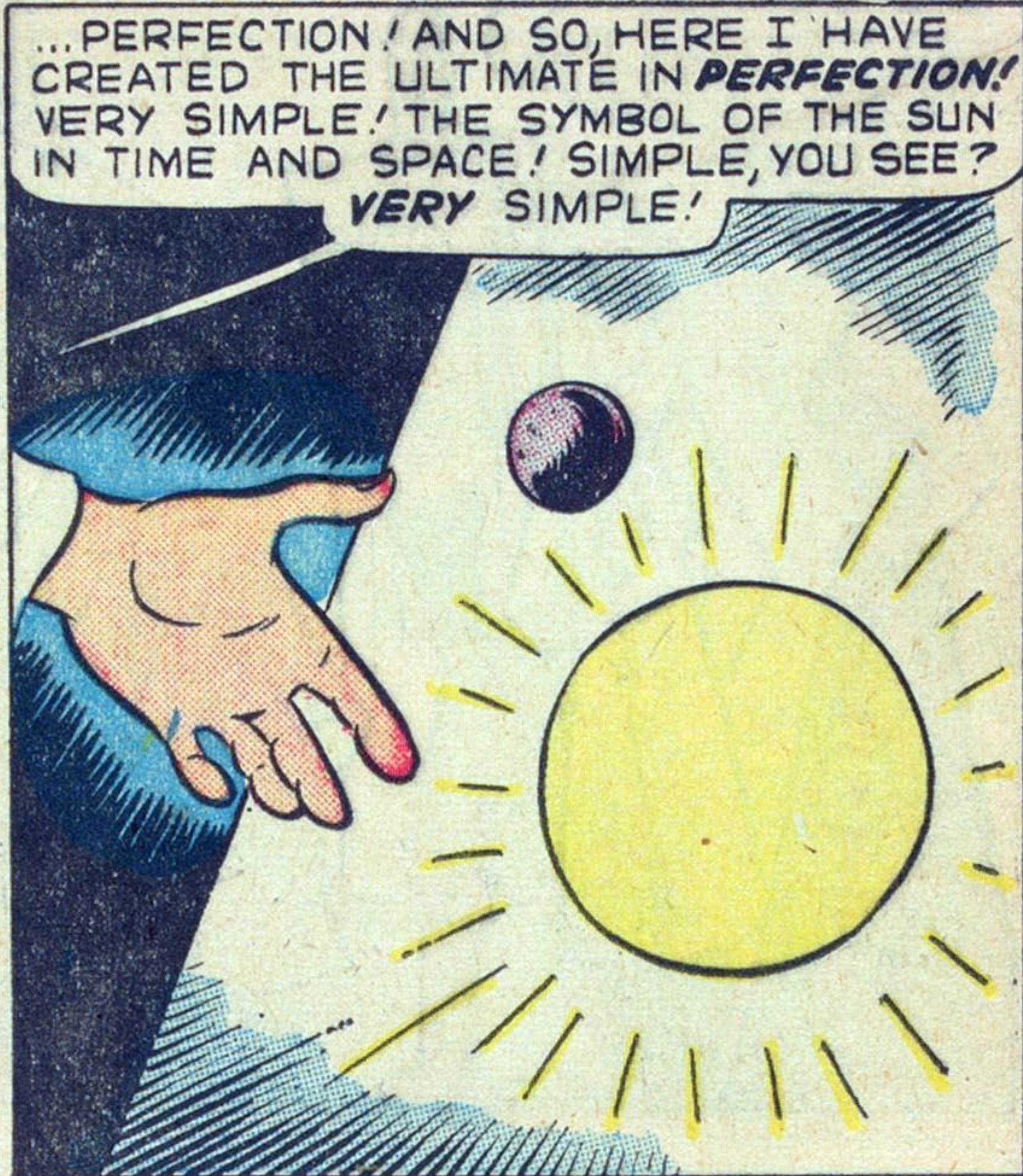


NOW, REALLY...I SHALL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO **EXPLAIN** THIS!

WHY, IT'S **SIMPLE!** I LOOK AT YOU AND A PICTURE COMES TO MY MIND! AND I SEE...

...PERFECTION! AND SO, HERE I HAVE CREATED THE ULTIMATE IN **PERFECTION!** VERY SIMPLE! THE SYMBOL OF THE SUN IN TIME AND SPACE! SIMPLE, YOU SEE? **VERY SIMPLE!**

HEDY APPROACHES PORTRAIT NUMBER FOUR...



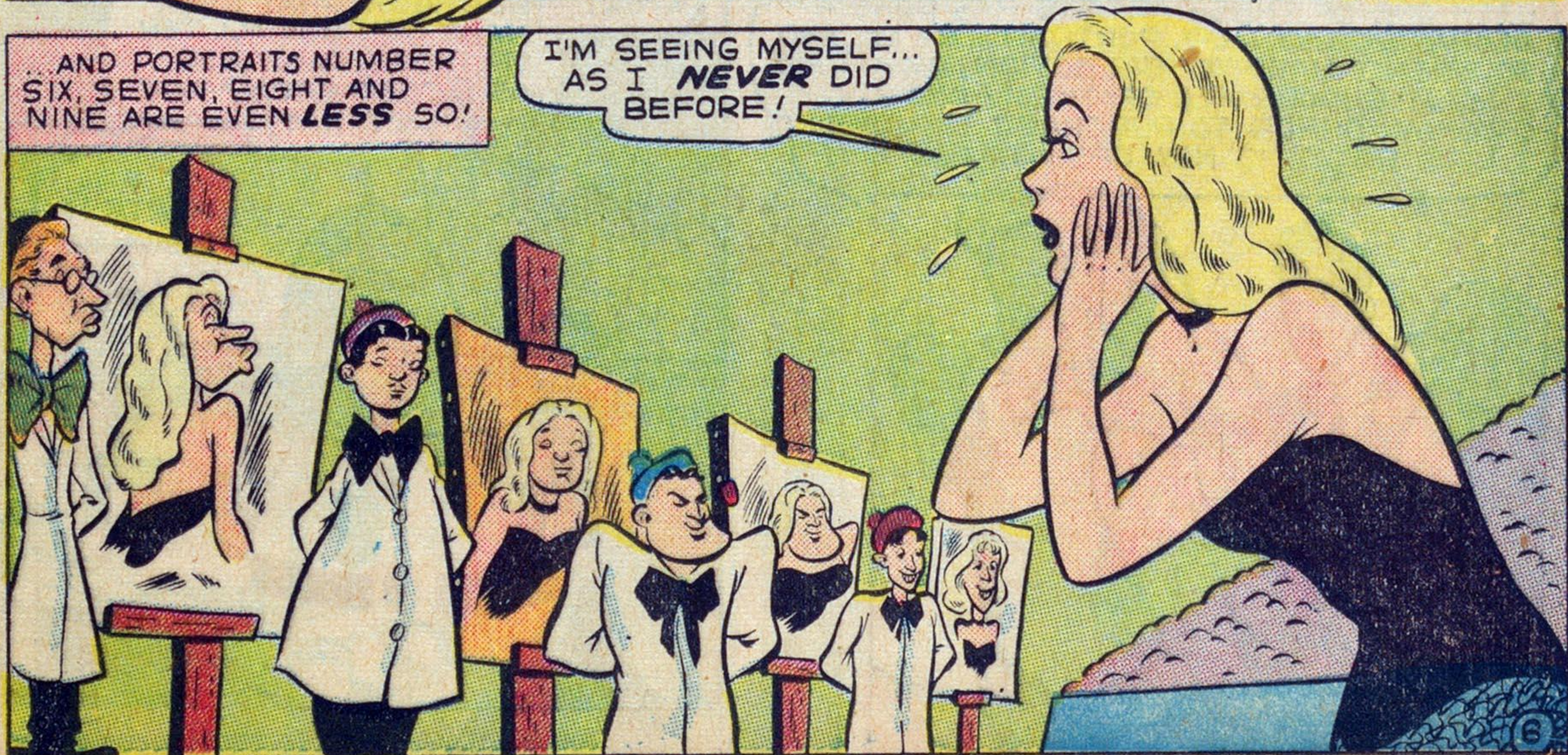
SIMPLE, EH? THE ONLY THING THAT'S SIMPLE AROUND HERE IS THAT **SIMPLE-MINDED GENIUS!** WELL, WHAT NEXT? NOTHING WILL SURPRISE ME ANY MORE!

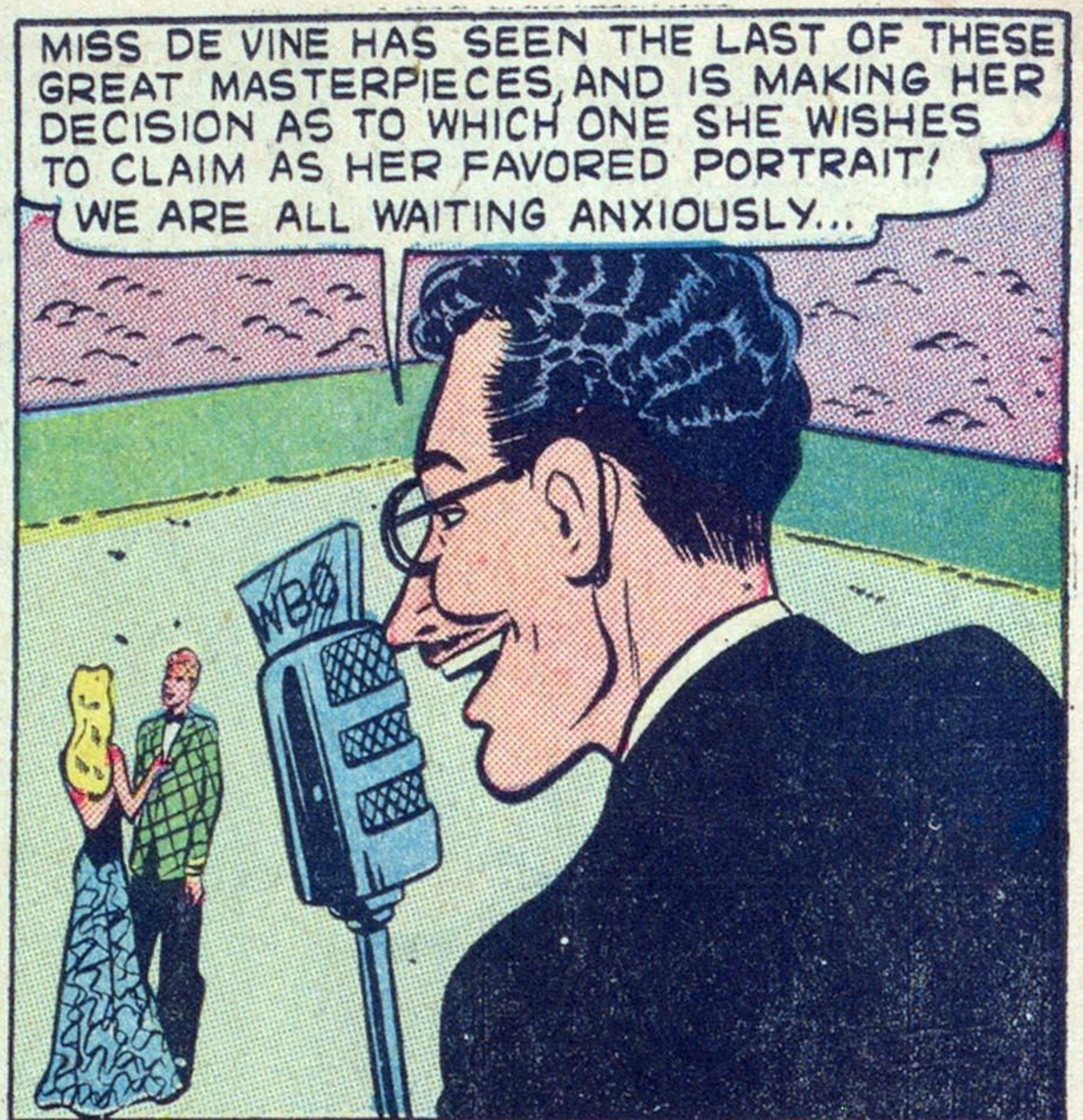
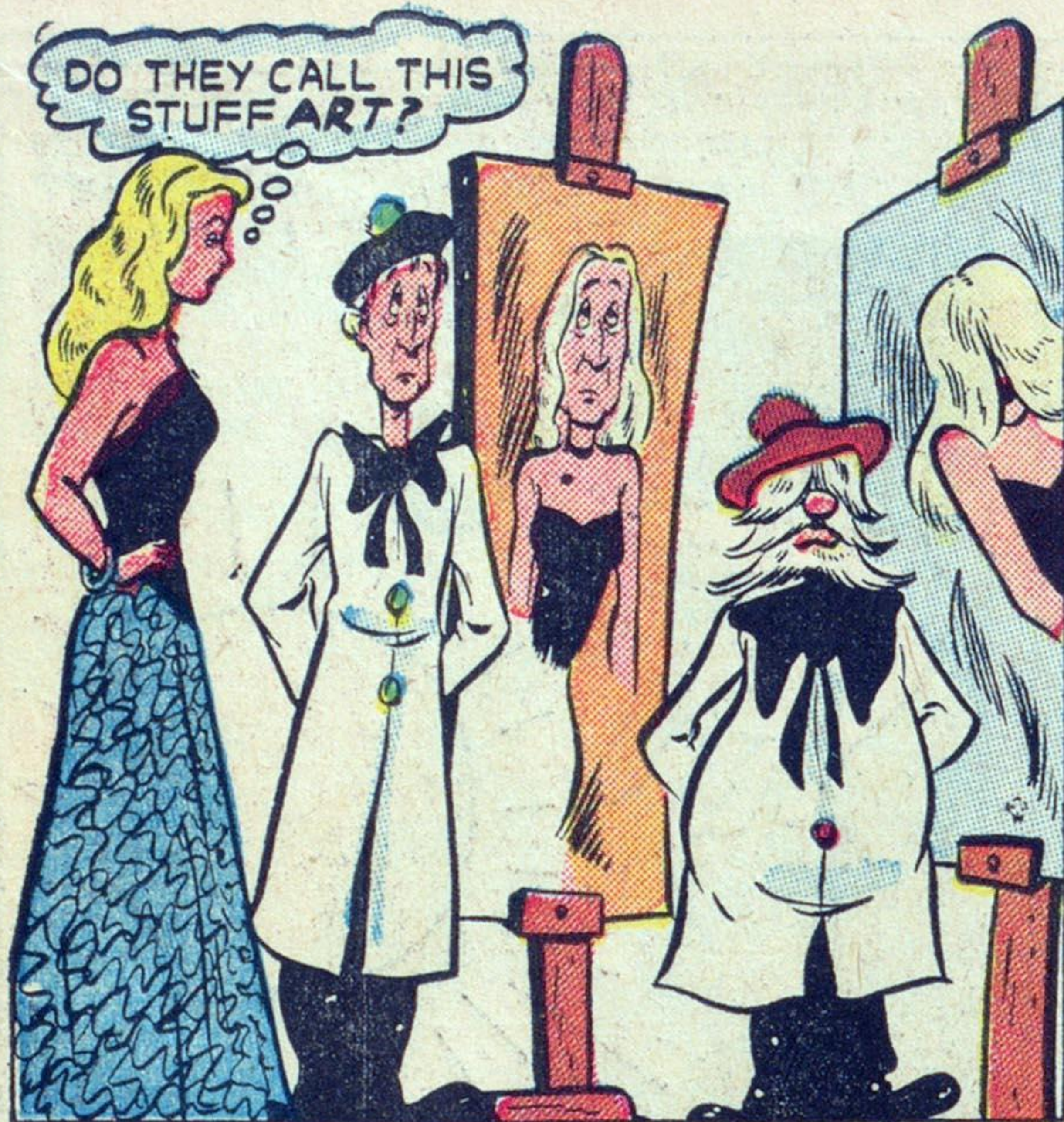
GOLLY! HOW AM I GOING TO PICK A PORTRAIT OUT OF **THESE?**

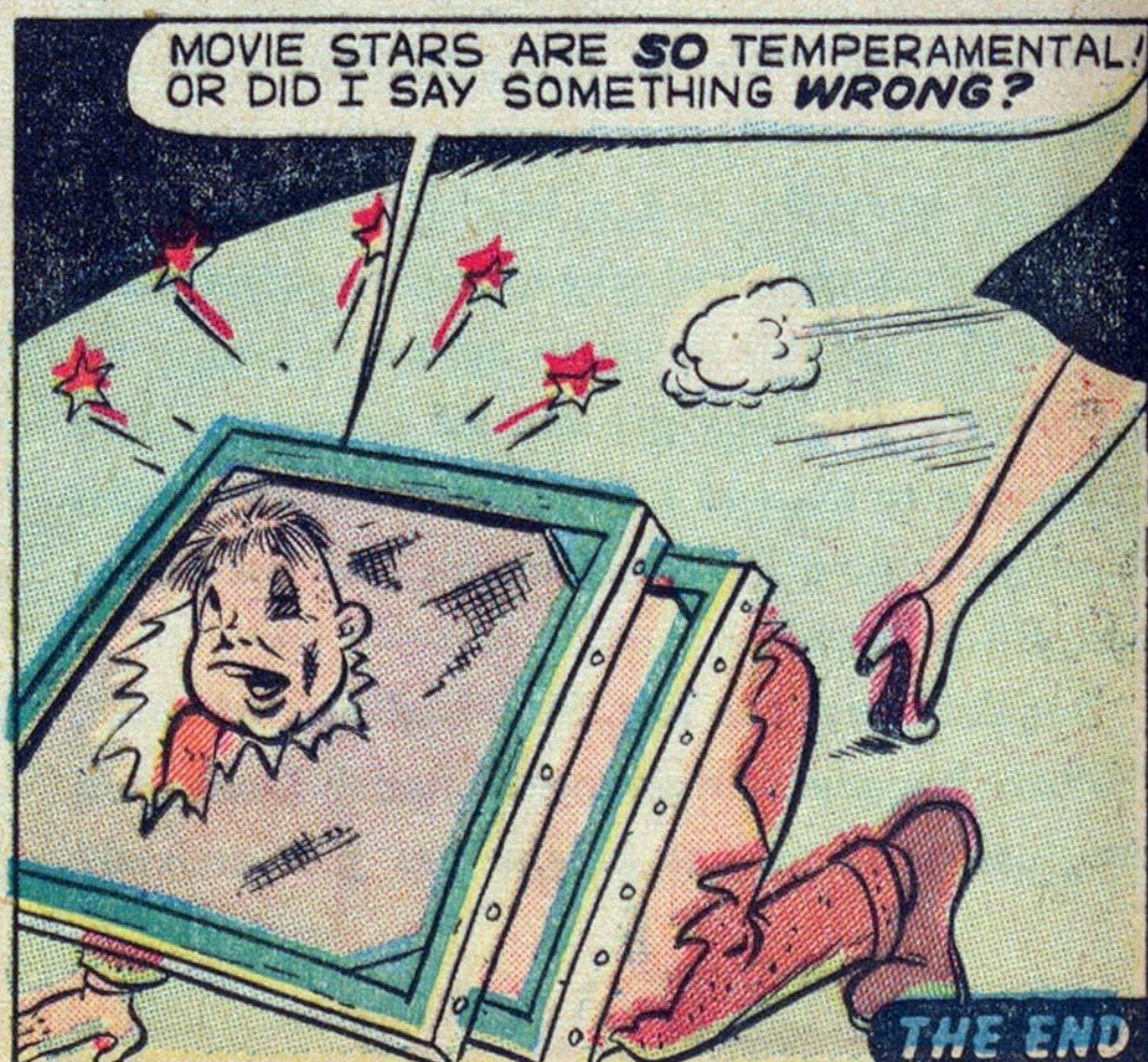
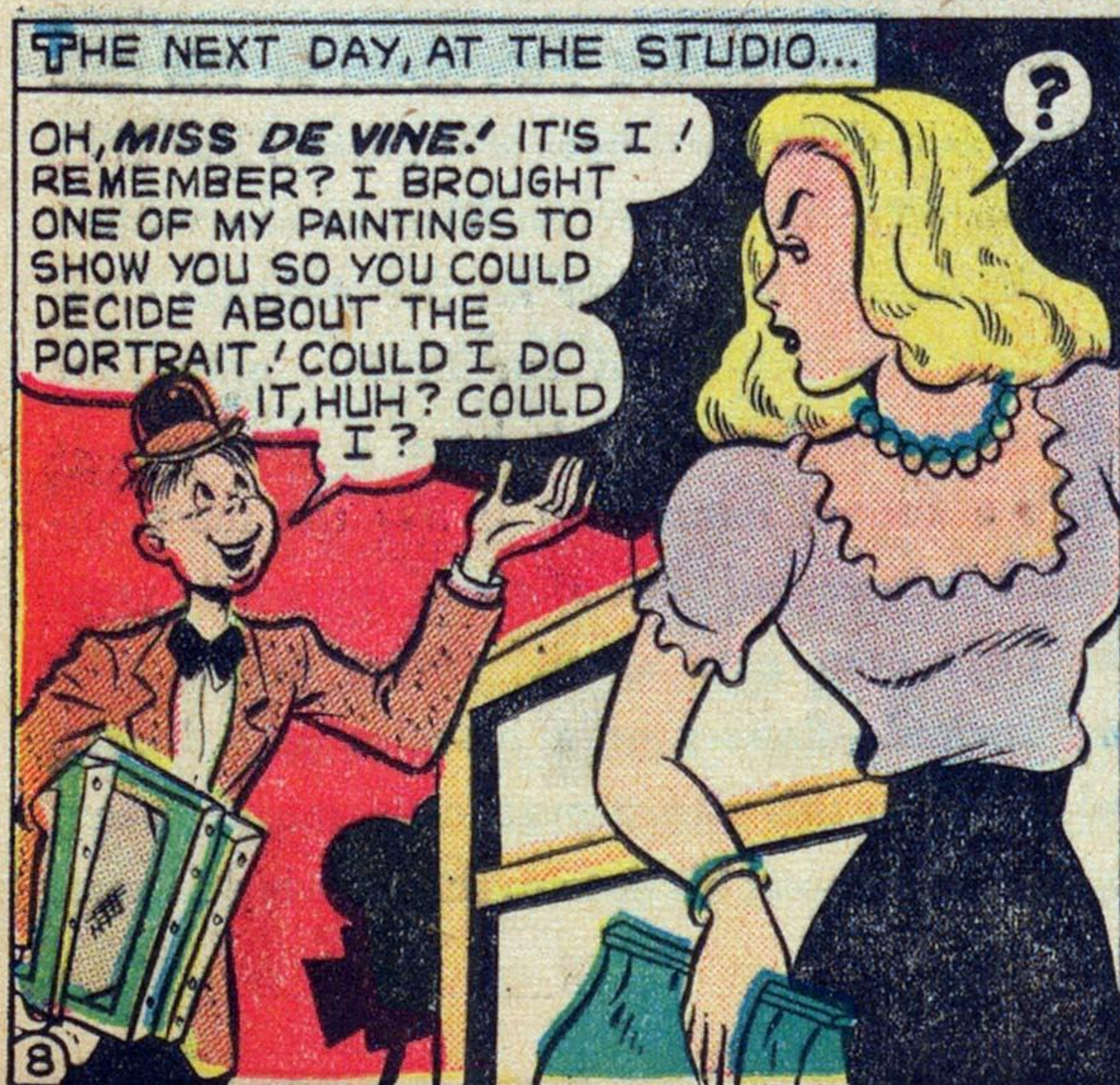
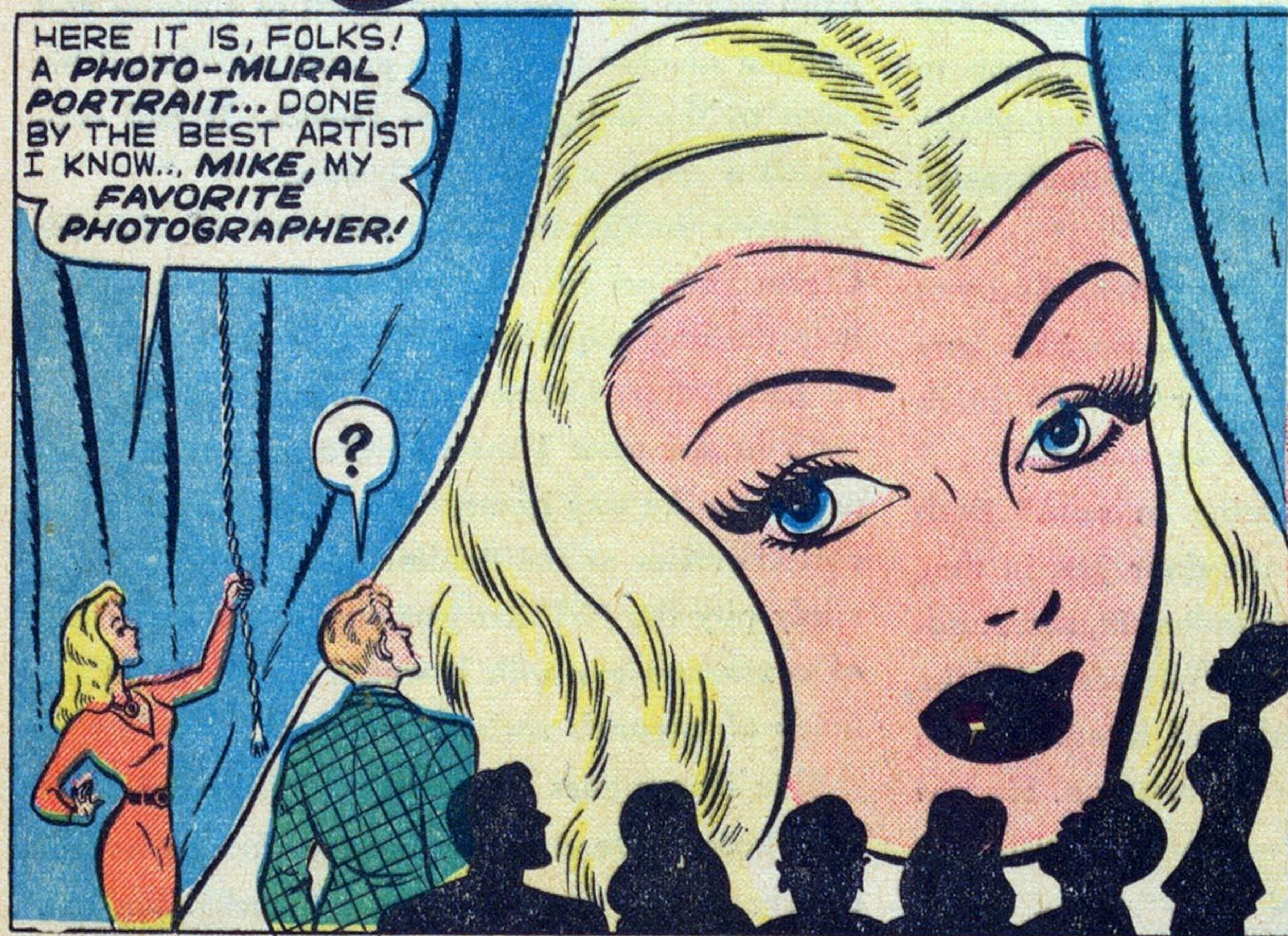
PORTRAIT NUMBER FIVE ISN'T MUCH BETTER...

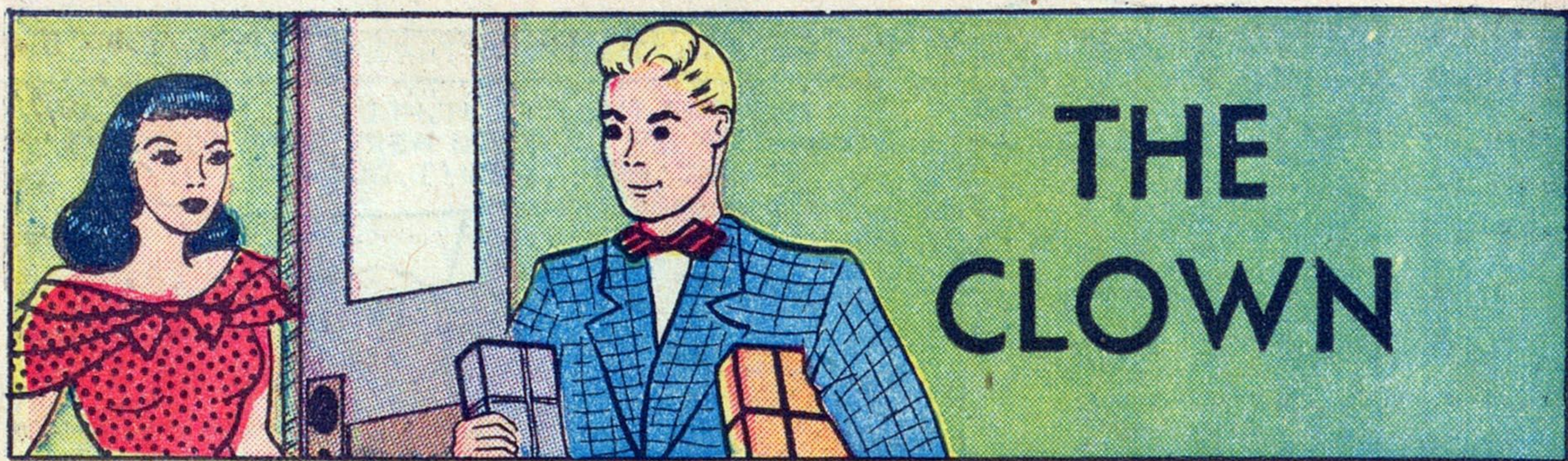
AND PORTRAITS NUMBER SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT AND NINE ARE EVEN **LESS** SO!

I'M SEEING MYSELF... AS I **NEVER** DID BEFORE!









"JILL, I don't know why you rush to the defense of Skip whenever his name is mentioned. *Everyone* knows what a character he is!" With that, Dorrie sipped up the last of her malted as if there were nothing more to be said on the subject.

But Jill felt she was on the spot and she had to say something. "Oh, Dorrie, I *don't* rush to his defense. I just don't like to see everybody step on the guy just because he's goodhearted and sort of funny."

"Sort of funny! He's strictly a circus! And you know as well as I that he may be an okay guy with the boys, but no girl at Hopwood High would be caught dating him if he were the . . ."

"Quiet, Dorrie! He's coming in now." Both girls turned their heads to the door just in time to see Skip Hawkins come bounding in, surrounded by his small band of loyal followers. All the boys were laughing as usual, and it was easy to see that Skip was the center of attention. He was dressed like the others in blue jeans and sweaters, except for his typical added attractions: a bright red and yellow beanie with a pinwheel on top of it that moved with his every motion, a bowtie that lighted small green and orange bulbs at strategic intervals, and a bright pink carnation in his buttonhole that looked ready to squirt water at the first gullible chum to approach him.

"C'mon, Jill, let's get out of here—fast I've got things to do, and I don't want that clown disrupting my plans!" Dorrie scooped up her books, and Jill followed.

But they were too late. Skip had spotted them. "What, ho, my fair young damsels! Don't you see that your gallant knight has just arrived?

Where can you be off to in such a mad dash? Methinks trickery is afoot! Halt—and shake the hand of your boon companion!"

He was standing directly in the girls' path so they had to stop. And Dorrie was in front so she had to shake his hand first. But as soon as her hand was in his, she let out a yell of surprise and stepped quickly back. Skip proudly exhibited his palm to the delight of his friends. It had concealed a small mechanical buzzer.

Dorrie indignantly stomped out of the Ice Cream Shoppe. Jill followed her, but she couldn't help flashing a quick smile at Skip. She was sure he hadn't hurt Dorrie—and he *was* funny!

"You see what I mean?" Dorrie was still annoyed on the way home. "Can't you just imagine that character at the Athletic Club dance? I certainly pity the girl that gets stuck with him! But, of course, no one will. It would simply mean the finish of anyone's social reputation!"

"He always goes stag anyhow," Jill put in.

"I know," Dorrie said quickly, "just so he can be free to play some more of his tricks! But this dance isn't stag!"

The girls had reached Jill's house by this time so they said their good-byes and parted. But Jill's thoughts were no longer on Skip as she walked into the house, but rather on the Athletic Club dance. It was scheduled for Friday, only four days away, and she didn't have a date yet. It wasn't a formal dance, but it *was* the most important sweater-and-skirt affair of the whole year. The boys even gave special favors to the girls they invited—flowers or a bracelet or a locket, and going to this dance practically meant that a boy would also ask his date to the next big formal.

Occupied with these thoughts, Jill only heard a faint noise in the background when the phone rang. But it was insistent, and she came to with a start. Excitedly, she ran to the phone at the other end of the hall.

"Hello," she said hopefully.

"Hiya, gal, here's your pal!" the unmistakable voice on the other end of the wire greeted her.

"Skip?" Jill asked after a moment. Why should Skip be calling her?

"No one else!" he answered jovially. "Say, kid. . . ." Could Skip be hesitating? Curious, Jill waited. "Ah—the reason I called—uh, well, I wondered if you might condescend to trip the light fantastic with me at the dance Friday night! And I can't promise you that with me it won't be *really* fantastic!"

"The—the dance?" Jill was dazed. Should she go with Skip and maybe have her social life ruined? On the other hand, why should her social life be blighted by a date with Skip? Everybody liked her, and why shouldn't she stand up for her rights? After all, *she* didn't think Skip was so terrible. If he just had a slight sentimental streak, he'd be almost perfect! She made her mind up quickly. "Oh, you mean the Athletic Club dance. Why, of course, Skip, why not?"

"Okay, kid, it's a date then. I'll call for you at eight Friday, and let's keep it a surprise that we're going to it together. All right?" Jill agreed, and he continued, "By the way, what color skirt will you be wearing?"

"Why—green, I guess."

"Green? That's wonderful. Well, so long, gal. See you Friday!" And he hung up. So did Jill—but she sat by the phone, gradually realizing the enormity of what she'd done. What could the other girls think of her making a date with the school clown? But wait—Skip had said not to tell anyone ahead of time so, at least, they wouldn't know till it happened. But why had he said that? And why had he asked about the color of her skirt? Oh, of course—he must be planning to bring her flowers. How sweet! Maybe Skip had a sentimental streak after all, and maybe that would make him okay with the girls as well as with the

boys. But then again it was more probable that he just thought she was kinder to him than most of the other girls and could take his jokes in her stride.

The week seemed endless to Jill—the girls were never so curious about her date before, and Skip didn't make it any easier. He seemed to disappear after every class so that she never had a chance to ask him anything about Friday night, and even his boy friends didn't seem to know where he was burying himself. But finally Friday night rolled around, and so did Skip—promptly at eight.

His ring was long and typically Skip. But, strangely subdued, he greeted her, "Hello, Jill." He was even dressed like every other boy was probably dressed for the dance that night—in a good-looking sport coat and neatly pressed slacks. And he was carrying two boxes. He looked Jill's outfit over carefully before he handed her the larger one. "I—uh—you may not like it, but I—er. . . ."

He watched Jill expectantly, warily, as she untied the string and lifted the cover of the box. She gasped when she saw what was inside. "Skip! A sweater! A yellow cashmere sweater! And it's handknit! Don't tell me you. . . ."

Skip held up a hand for silence, looked cautiously around, and then almost whispered, "Yes, I made it." He sounded almost tragic. "My mother taught me how to knit when I was small and got laid up for a while with a broken leg—and I *like* to knit! But not many of the kids would understand if they knew. That's why I didn't want anyone to know ahead of time—I figured it might be bad enough when they finally see the evidence. I just thought that you. . . ."

"Why, Skip, I think it's the nicest thing you could have given me. And I'm sure all the girls will think so, too. It's so beautifully sentimental!"

"Well, in case they don't, I brought you something to wear with it." He hurriedly undid the other package. Inside was a corsage of imitation gardenias. Skip pressed the little bulb at one end of the wire attached to the corsage, and it lit up with the words, "So what?"

Jill laughed. "So nothing! Let's go!"

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HI FRIENDS:

Lately there has been quite a debate about comics raging in the pages of the Saturday Review of Literature, one of America's most respected magazines. In an article, a Dr. Wertham discussed the problem of juvenile delinquency in America today, and pinned the blame for some of these cases on comic magazines, simply because many of the delinquent youngsters had read comics.

93% of all young people (from 8 to 16 years of age) read comics. Naturally a few young people get into some kind of trouble . . . so do a lot of older ones . . . and of course many of the kids who get into trouble do read comics. But what the article does not state is the fact that 93% of the boys and girls who get into *no trouble at all* also read comics.

Let us quote a letter from David Pace Wigransky, a 14 year old reader of comics, published in the July 24th issue of the Saturday Review:

" . . . In none of these cases was it proved that reading comic books was the cause of the delinquency. A good many of the delinquents mentioned happened to be readers of comic magazines, just as are 69,999,975 perfectly healthy, happy, normal American boys and girls, men and women, who also read comics.

" . . . It appears that his [Dr. Wertham's] \$64 question to a child being psychoanalyzed is, 'Do you read COMIC BOOKS, my little man?' Of course the juvenile delinquent, *being a normal child in at least that way*, will answer 'Yes'."

In other words, the case is just as we stated it above. Since almost all kids of any kind read comics, naturally some of the delinquents read comics too. But since the same percentage holds true among the millions of youngsters who have committed *no offense at all*, why not give the comics credit for the good influence they have been on these millions of healthy, normal kids, instead of just blaming them for our handful of delinquents?

Once again let us remind you to show our magazines, or any of the other good comics, to people who criticize this form of entertainment. Show those people that your favorite magazines are not harmful. Let them see Dr. Thompson's endorsement on the first page of every one of our magazines, and prove to one and all that the comics you buy and read are *good for you*.

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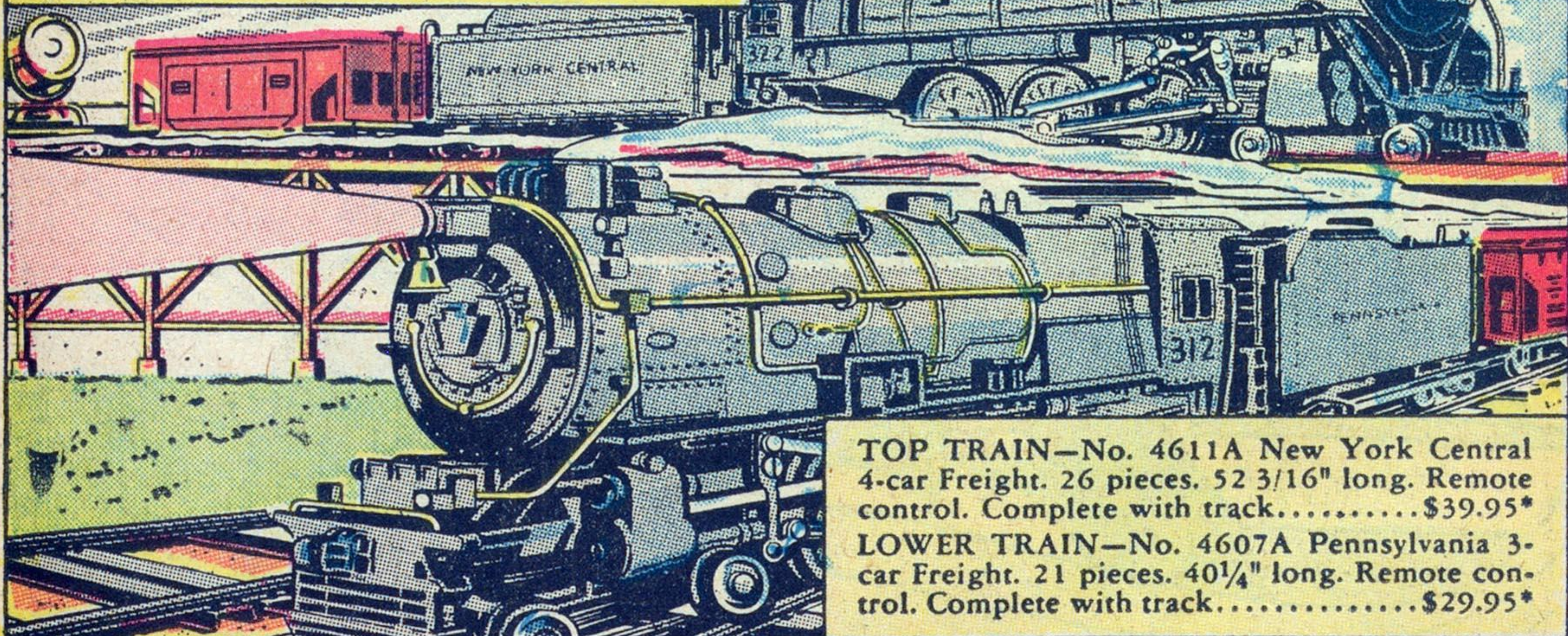
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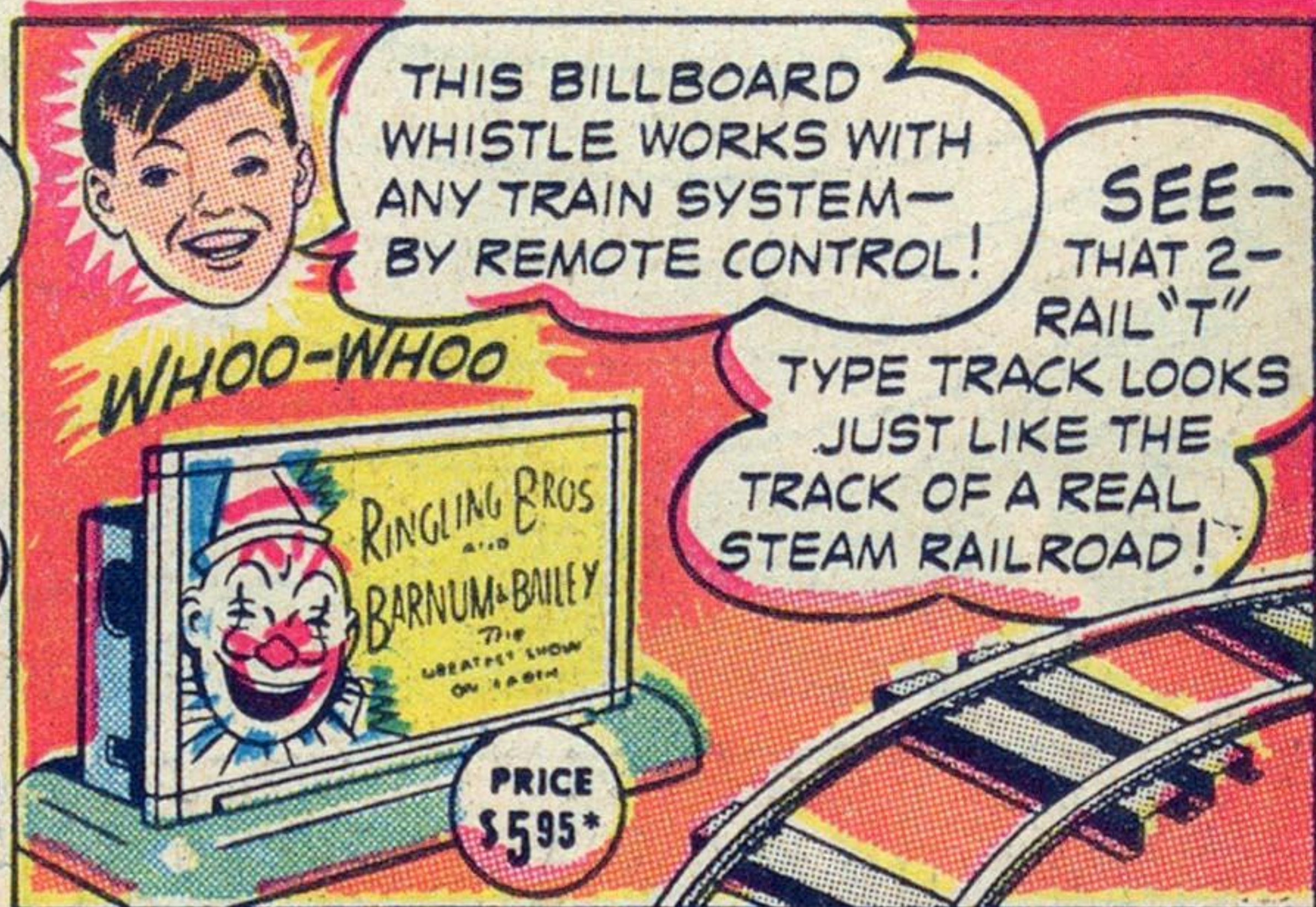
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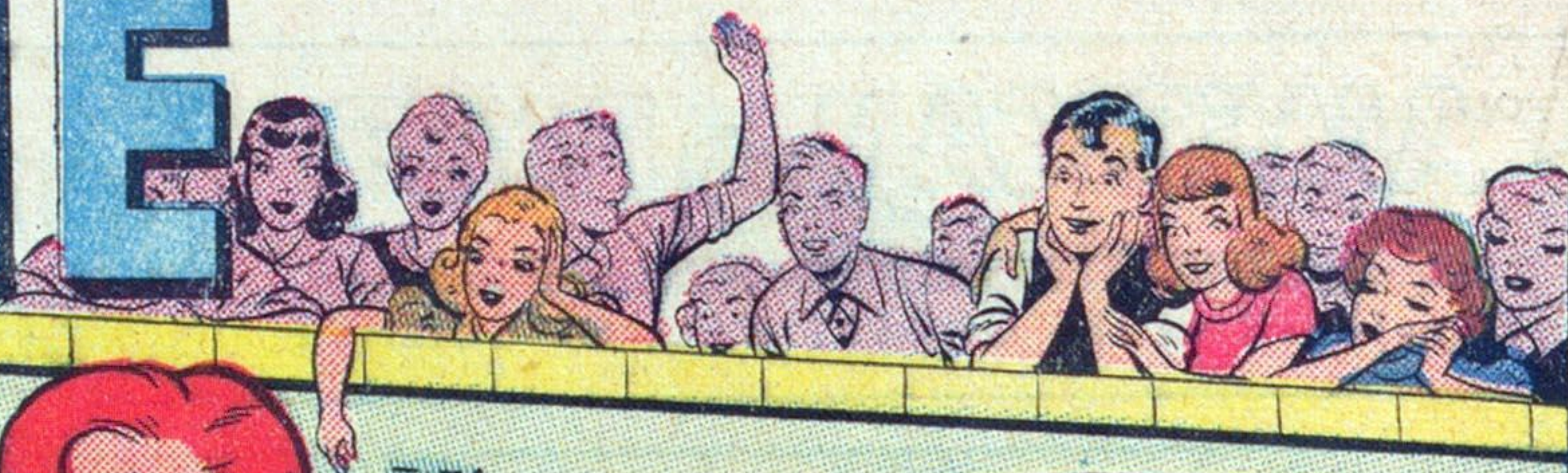
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AT LAST!



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SAGA!"**

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OVER THE
WAVES,
TRA-LA-LA!
♪ ♪

IS SHE
GOING
TO SEA?

SHE'S BEEN
AT SEA **ALL**
ALONG!

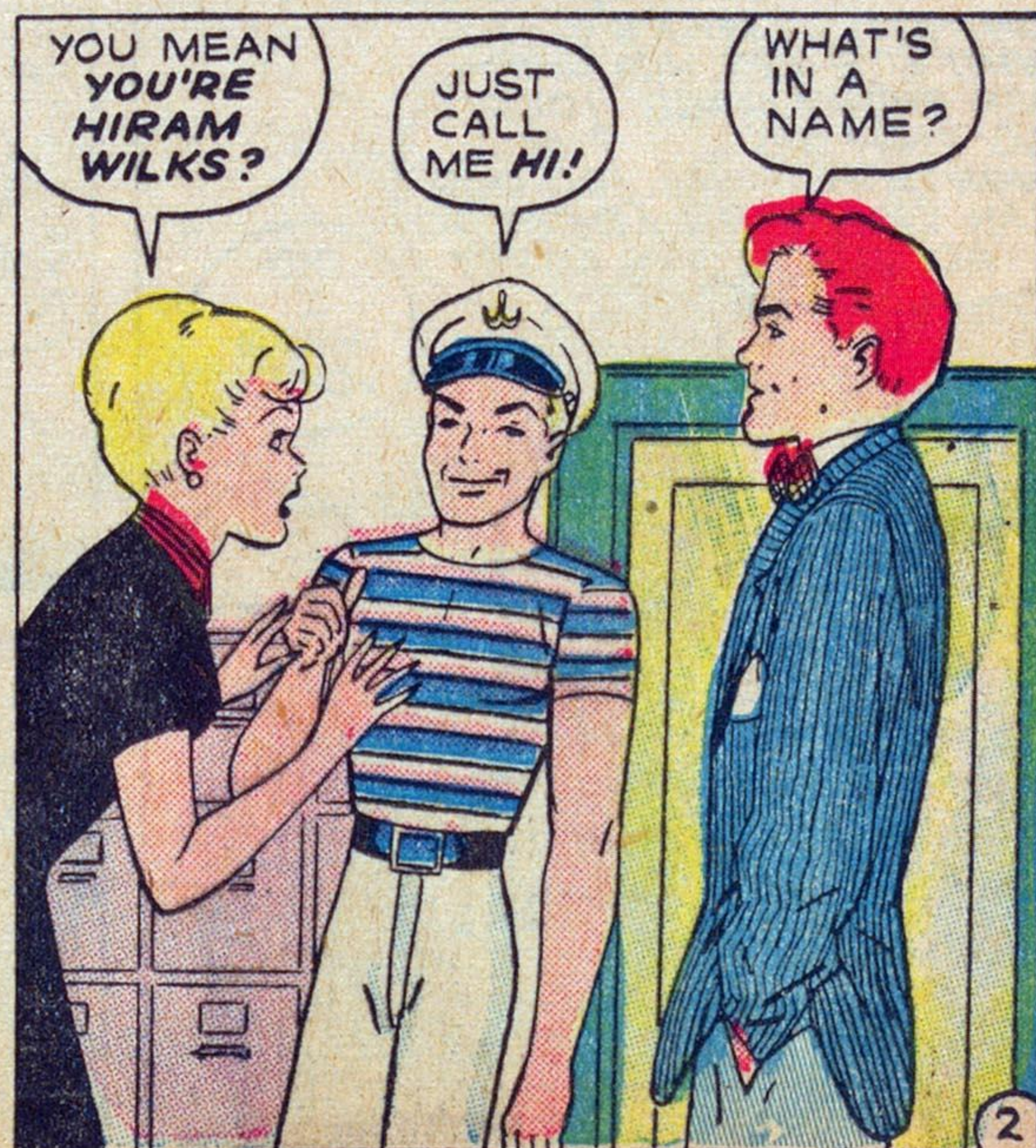
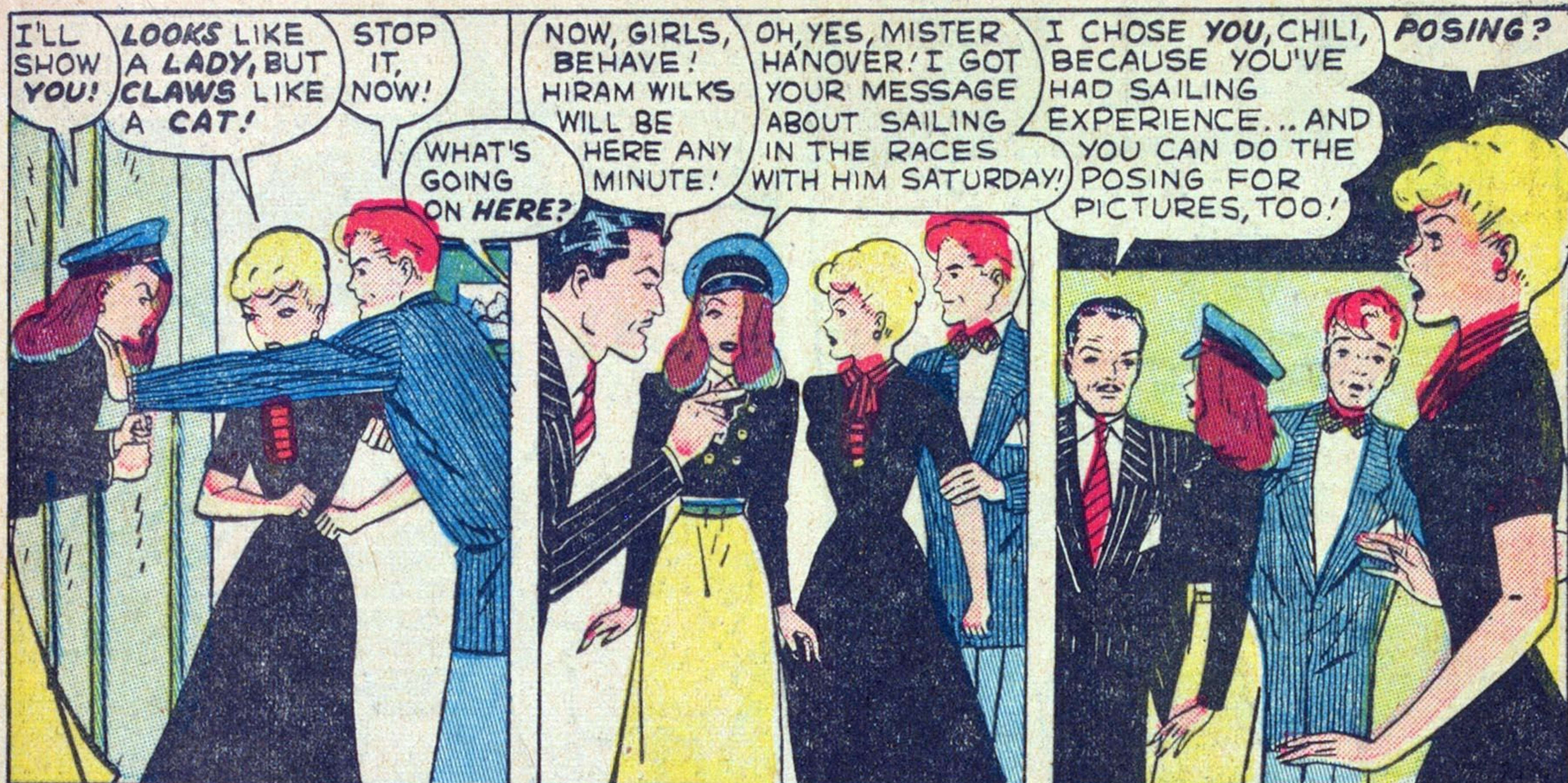


JUST WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN BY
THAT,
DEAR?

THAT YOU'RE
JUST **NATURALLY**
A **NAUTICAL**
GIRL, CHILI,
DARLING!

EASY
DOES
IT,
GIRLS!







HERE'S A **REAL** SAILORETTE FOR YOU!

YOU MEAN **SHE'S** TO BE MY CREW!

WHAT A MAN!



IT LOOKS LIKE THAT **CAT** IS ABOUT TO SWALLOW ANOTHER **CANARY**!

TOO BAD IT HAD TO HAPPEN TO A **NICE** YOUNG MAN LIKE WILKS!



HE **IS** GOOD-LOOKING, ISN'T HE? I MEAN FOR **CHILI**!



FRIDAY AFTERNOON...

CLICKER, SOMETHING'S COME UP AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO SAIL MY BOAT IN THE RACES TOMORROW! WOULD **YOU** SAIL IT FOR ME?

OF **COURSE**, BUT I'LL NEED A CREW!



TAKE **MILLIE** WITH YOU! **YOU'RE** A GOOD SAILOR AND SHE'LL CATCH ON **FAST**, I'M SURE!

WHAT DO YOU **SAY**, MILLIE?

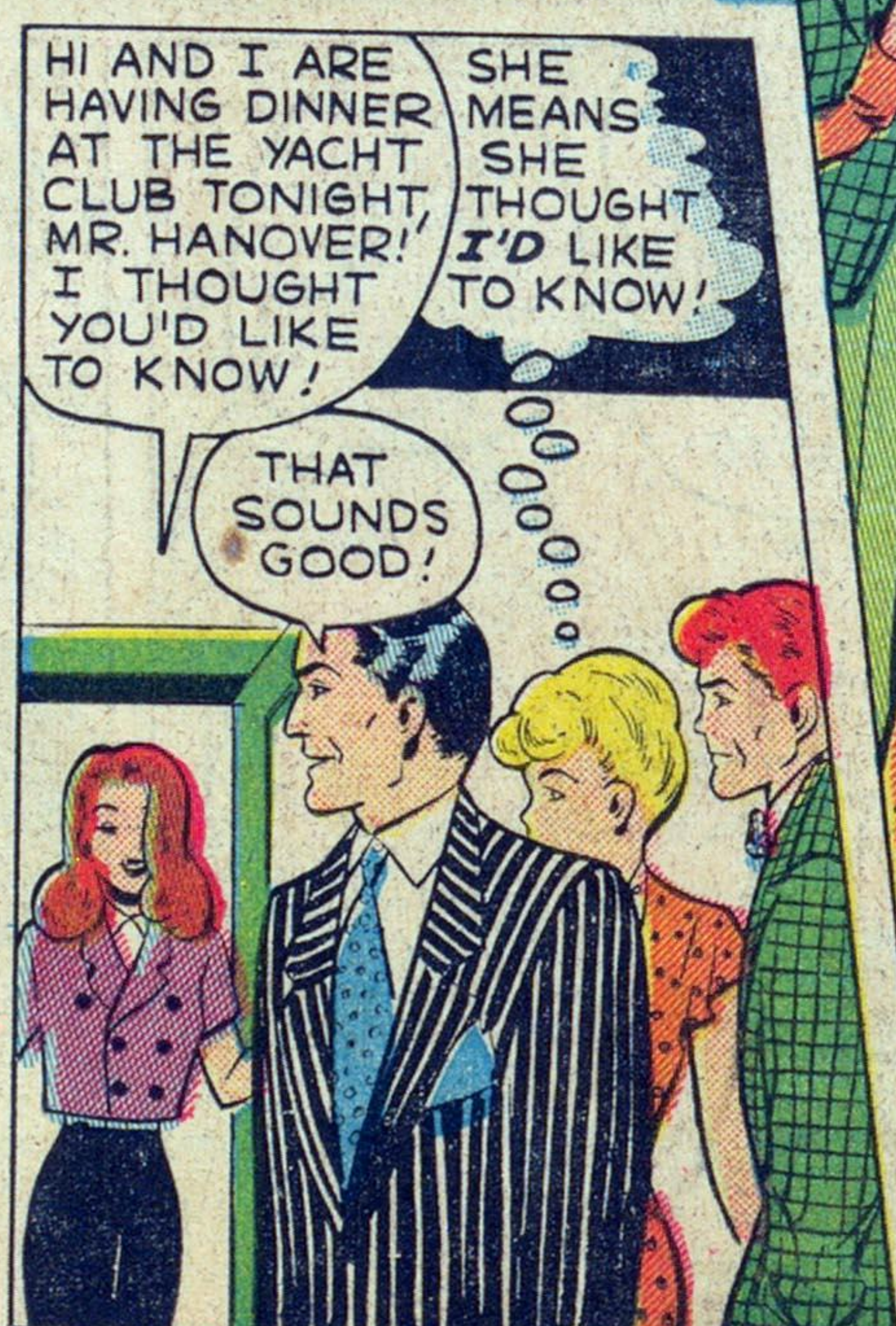
I'LL TRY **ANYTHING** ONCE! MAYBE WE'LL EVEN **WIN** THE RACE!



OH, NO! LET **WILKS** WIN! I'VE LET HIM WIN **EVERY** RACE SO FAR! IT'S **WORTH** IT IF WE CAN LAND **THIS** ACCOUNT!

OKAY! WE'LL DO OUR **BEST** TO LOSE!

DID I HEAR VOICES?



HI AND I ARE HAVING DINNER AT THE YACHT CLUB TONIGHT, MR. HANOVER! I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW!

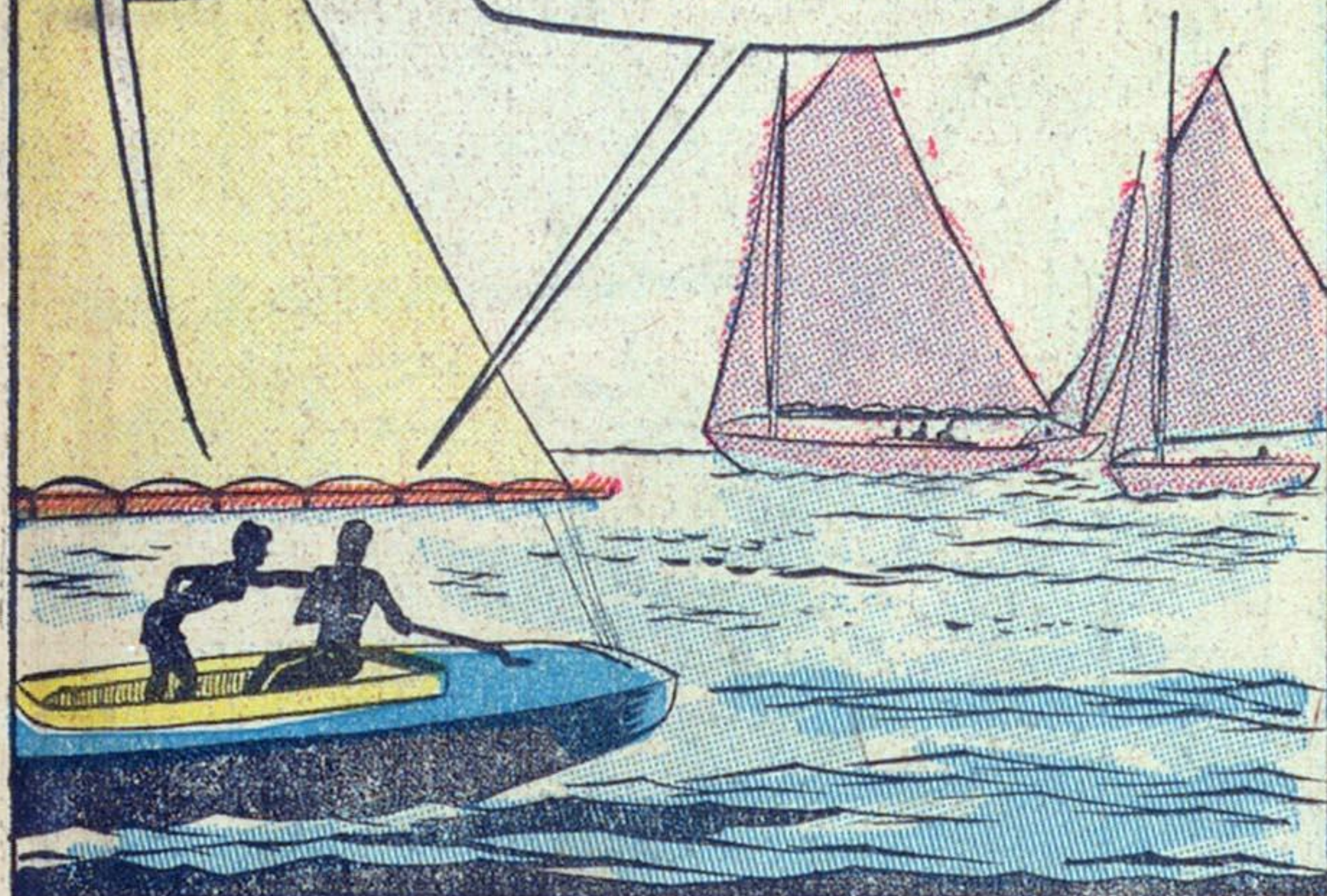
SHE MEANS SHE THOUGHT I'D LIKE TO KNOW!

THAT SOUNDS GOOD!

SATURDAY... THE DAY OF THE RACE...

WHERE'S
WILK'S
BOAT,
CLICKER?

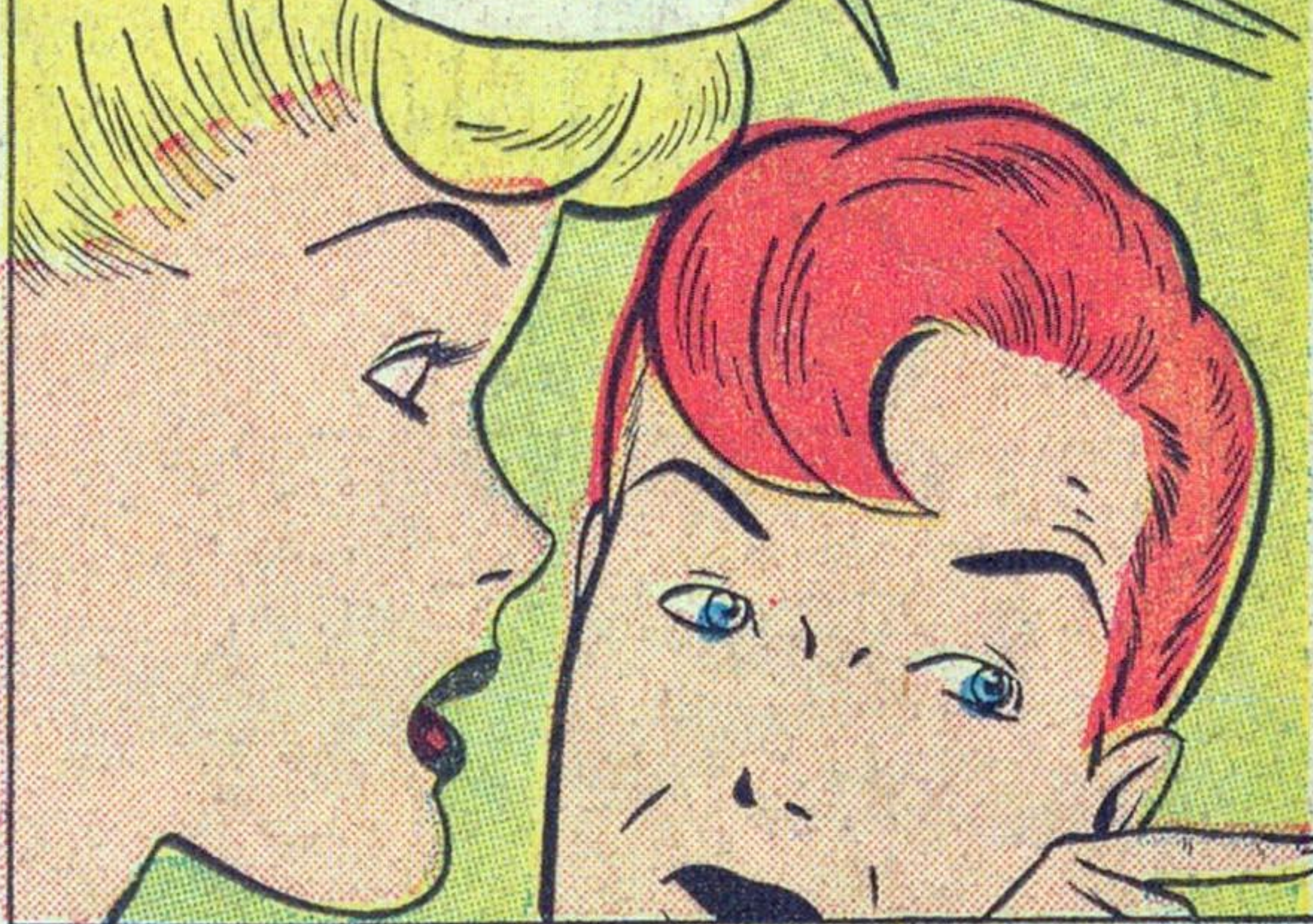
IT'S OVER THERE, MILLIE!
WATCH OUT FOR THAT
BOOM! PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN KNOCKED
OVERBOARD BY
THOSE THINGS!



IT MUST BE
ABOUT TIME
FOR THE
RACE TO
BEGIN!

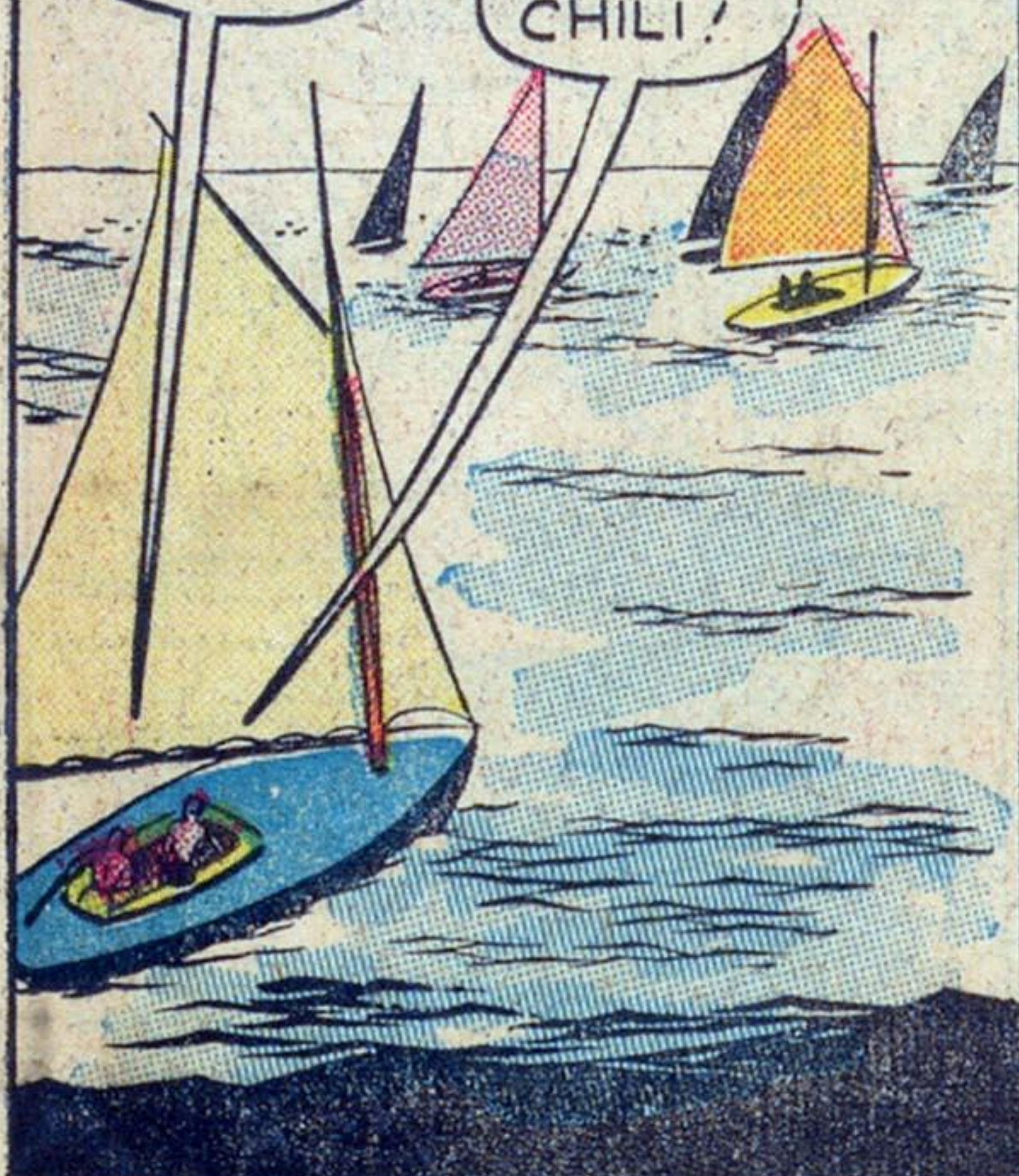
THERE'S
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GUN! NOW
LET'S BEAT
EVERYBODY
BUT **WILKS!**

BOOM!



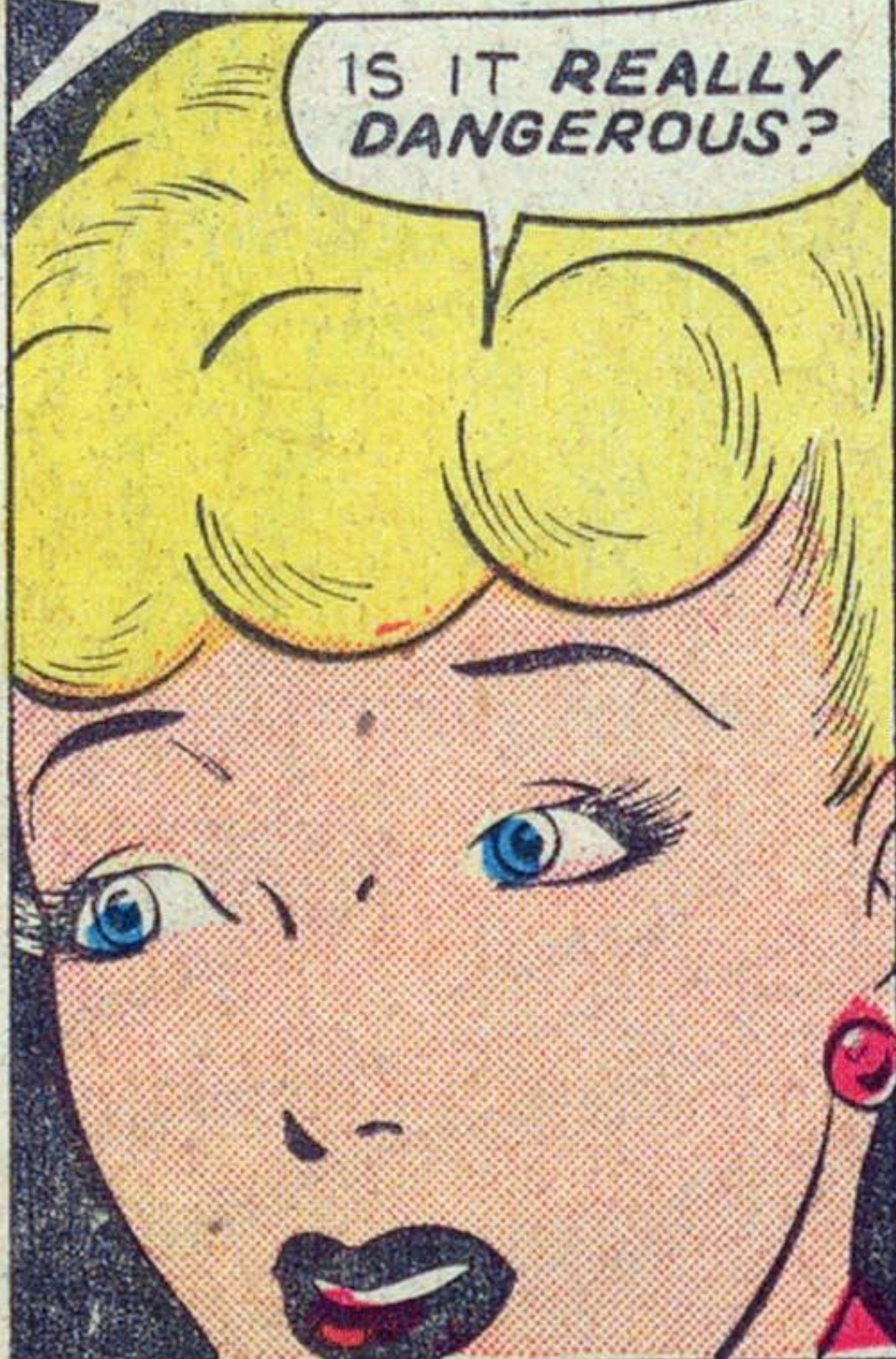
THAT'S
WILKS
OUT IN
FRONT!

I SEE
CHILI!



STAY LOW IN THE BOAT,
MILLIE! AND WATCH OUT
FOR THAT BOOM!

IS IT **REALLY**
DANGEROUS?



YOU'LL SEE
WHEN WE
COME ABOUT!

I'LL
STAY
LOW!



YOU HOLD
THE TILLER
STEADY,
MILLIE!

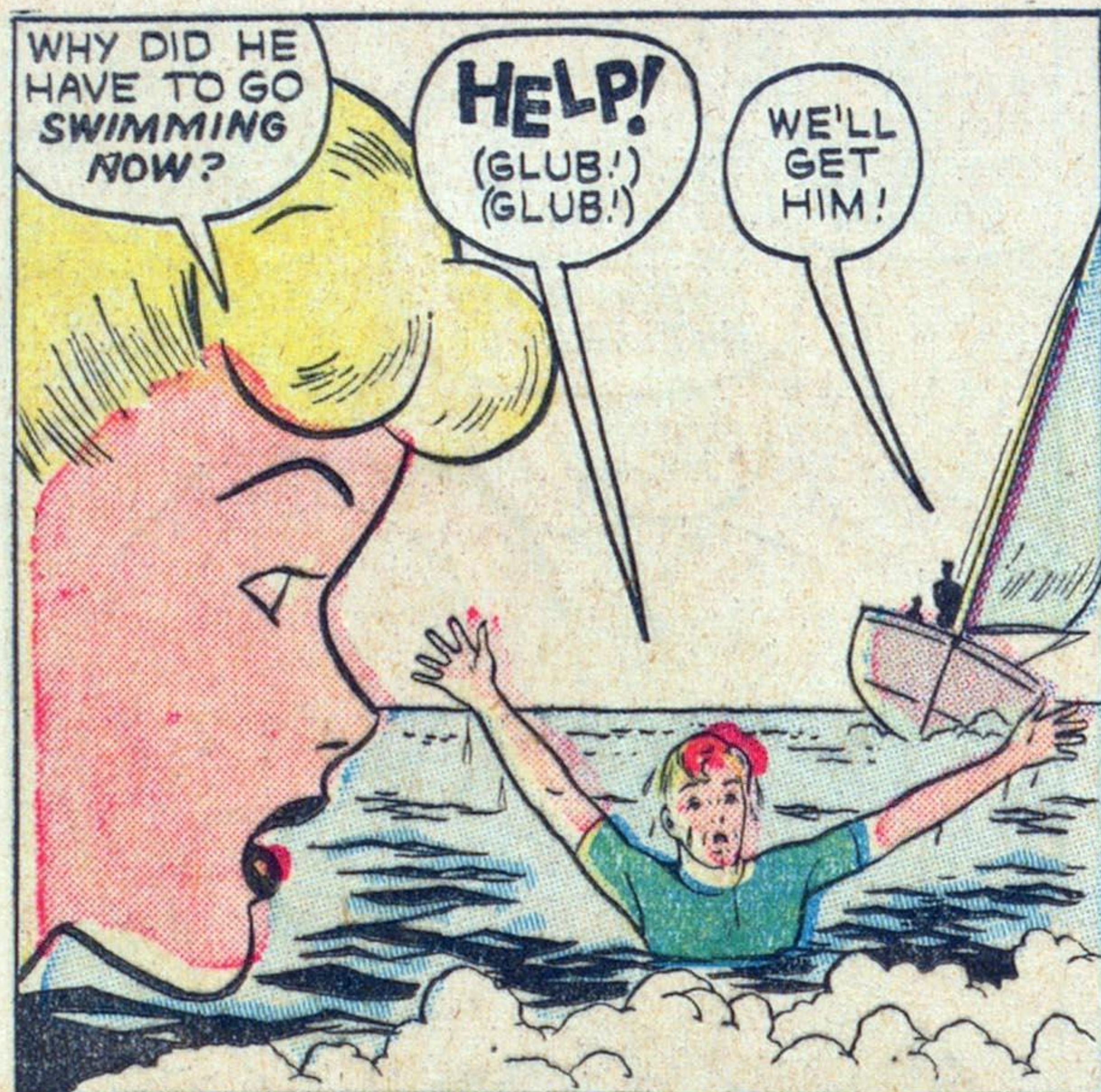
CLICKER!
WATCH OUT
FOR THE
BOOM!



AFTER ALL YOU
TOLD ME, YOU
FORGOT TO DUCK!

BAM!

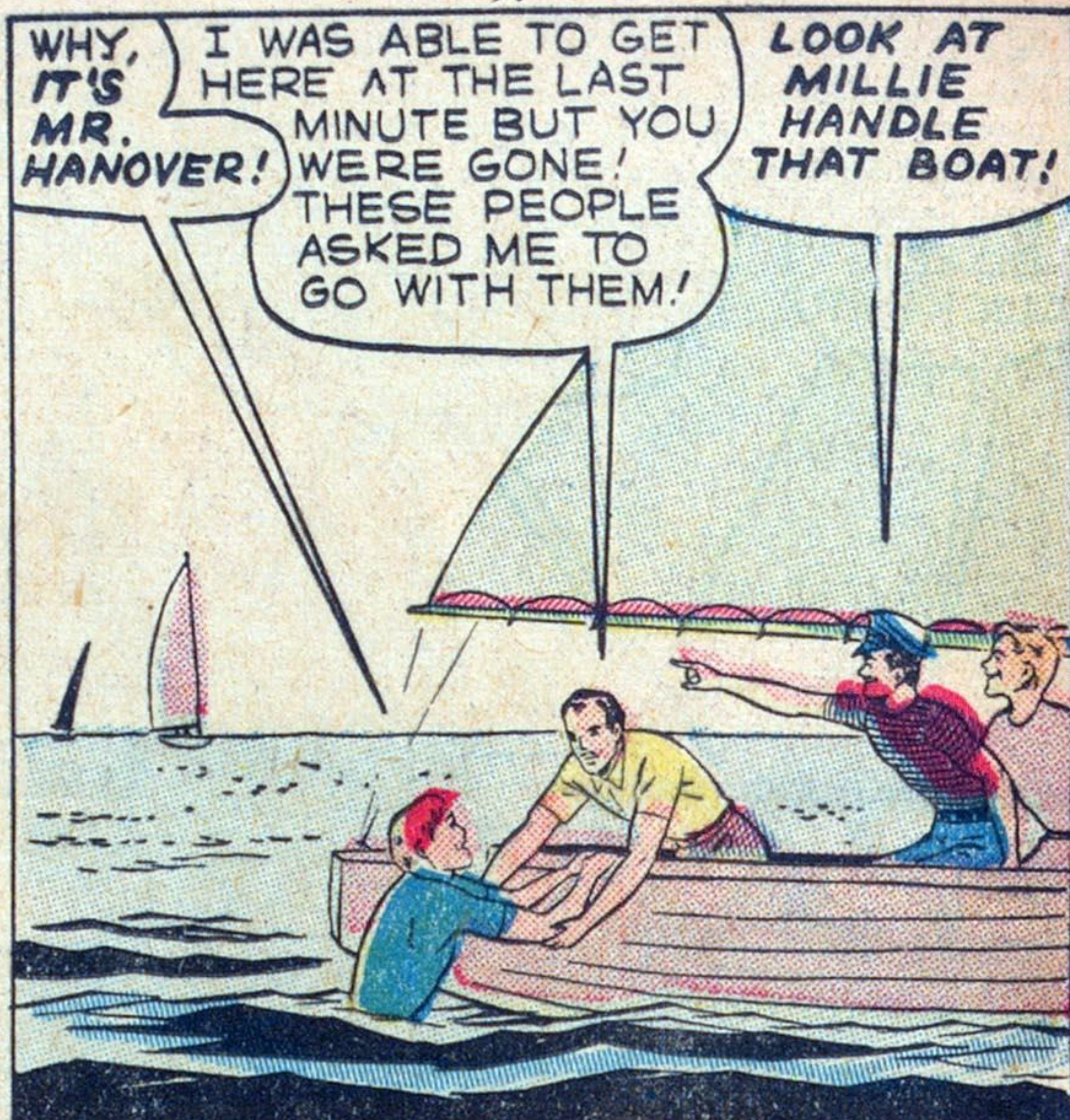




WHY DID HE HAVE TO GO SWIMMING NOW?

HELP!
(GLUB!)
(GLUB!)

WE'LL GET HIM!



WHY, IT'S MR. HANOVER!

I WAS ABLE TO GET HERE AT THE LAST MINUTE BUT YOU WERE GONE! THESE PEOPLE ASKED ME TO GO WITH THEM!

LOOK AT MILLIE HANDLE THAT BOAT!



MILLIE'S GAINING ON WILKS!

SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S DOING!

I TOLD HER TO LET WILKS WIN!



OH, DEAR! THIS IS AWFUL! THIS THING KEEPS GOING FORWARD!

IT'S NECK AND NECK!

SHE'S PULLING AHEAD!

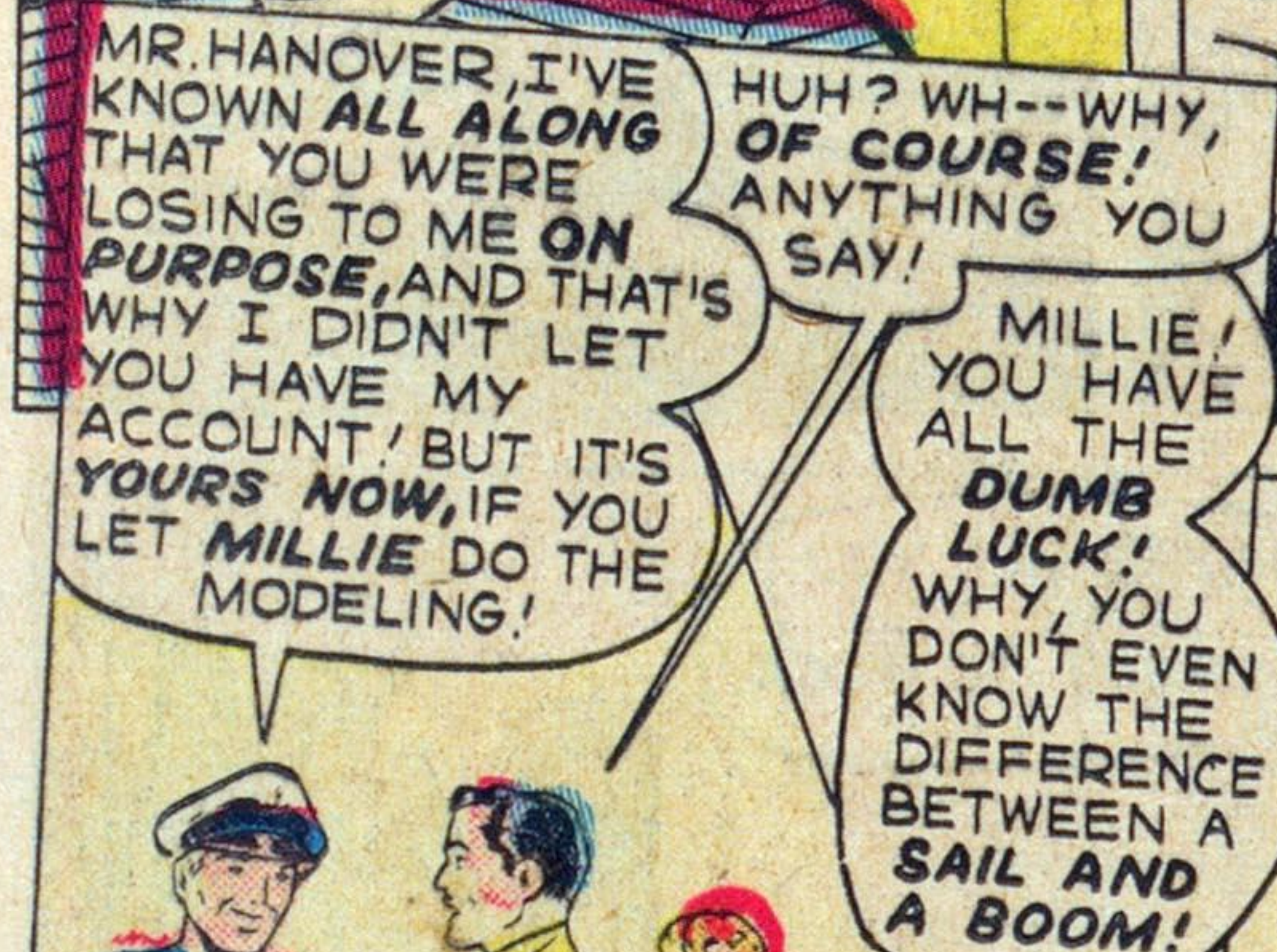


MILLIE WINS!

I'M SURE SHE DIDN'T MEAN IT, MR. HANOVER!

THIS WILL COST HER HER JOB!

I'LL FIRE HER IF SHE WINS!



MR. HANOVER, I'VE KNOWN ALL ALONG THAT YOU WERE LOSING TO ME ON PURPOSE, AND THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T LET YOU HAVE MY ACCOUNT! BUT IT'S YOURS NOW, IF YOU LET MILLIE DO THE MODELING!

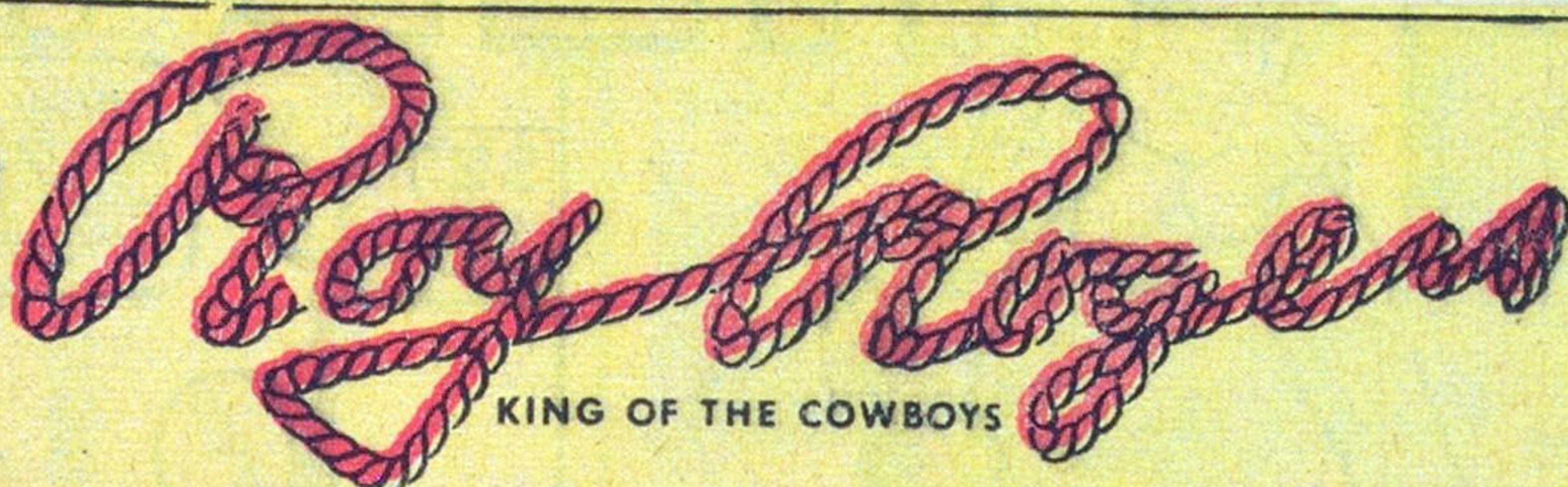
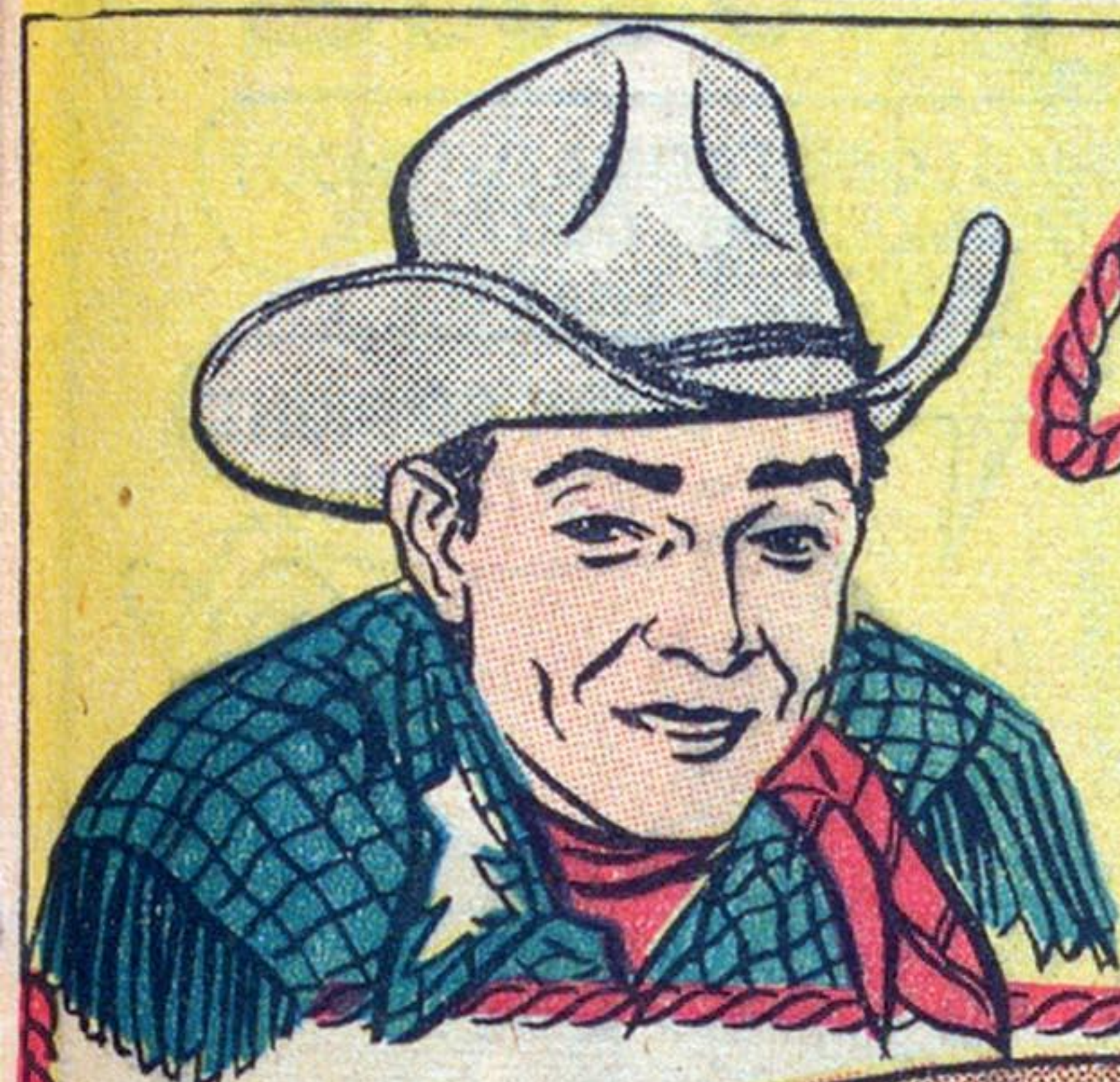
HUH? WH--WHY, OF COURSE! ANYTHING YOU SAY!

MILLIE! YOU HAVE ALL THE DUMB LUCK! WHY, YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SAIL AND A BOOM!



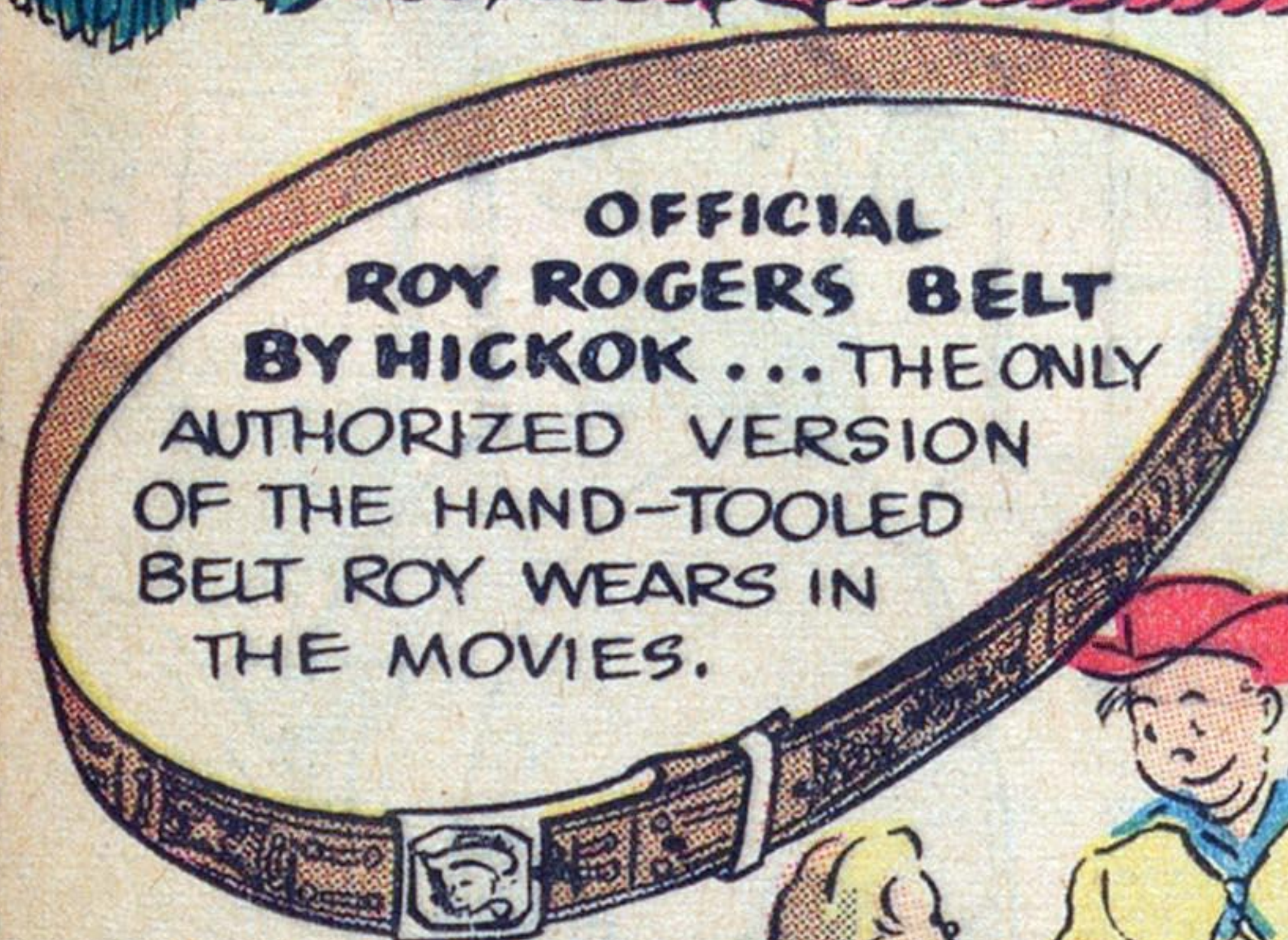
OW! HELP!

MAYBE NOT, CHILI! BUT I DO KNOW ENOUGH TO WATCH OUT FOR THE BOOM, OR IT'LL GO BOOM AND YOU'LL SAIL THROUGH THE AIR!



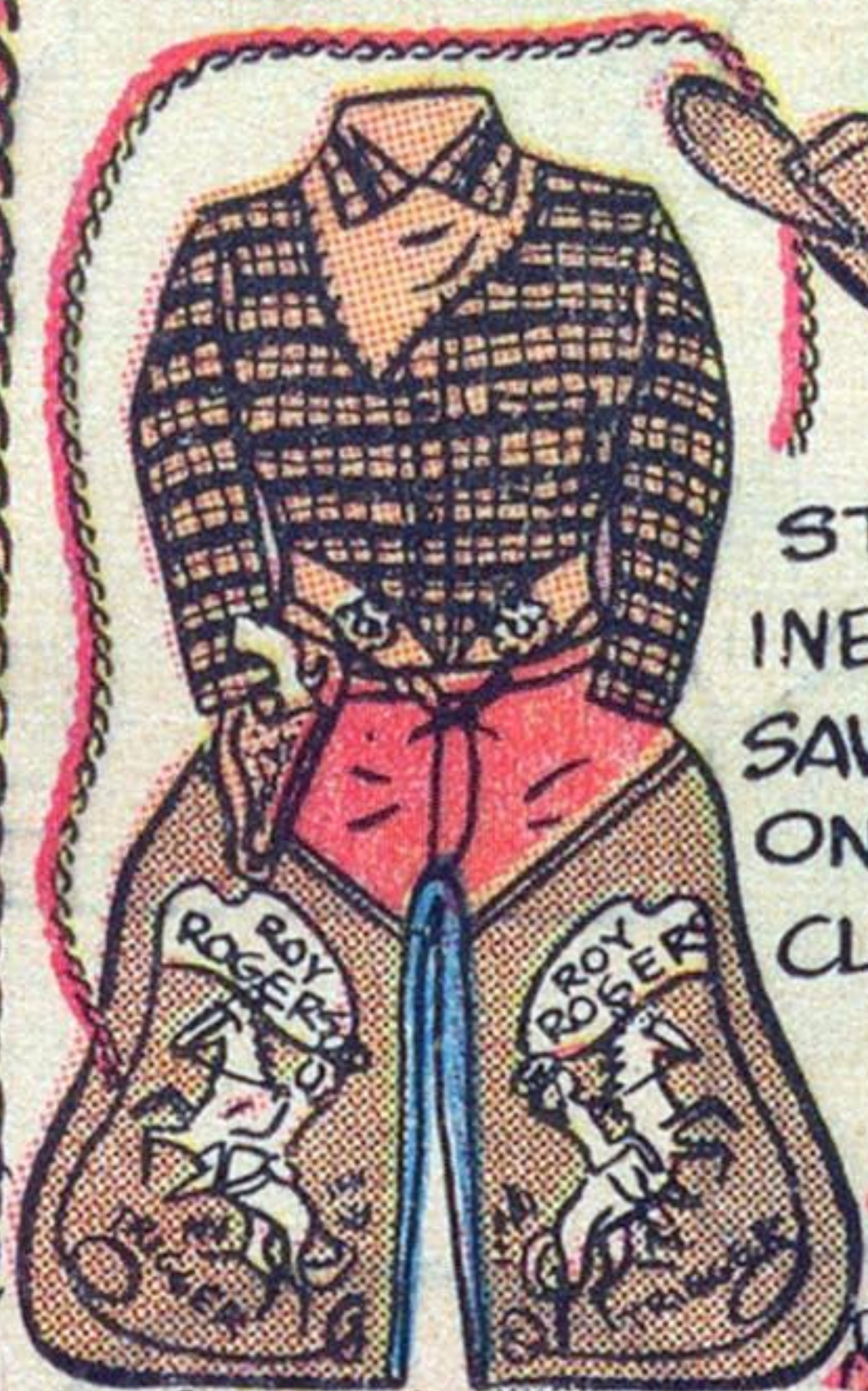
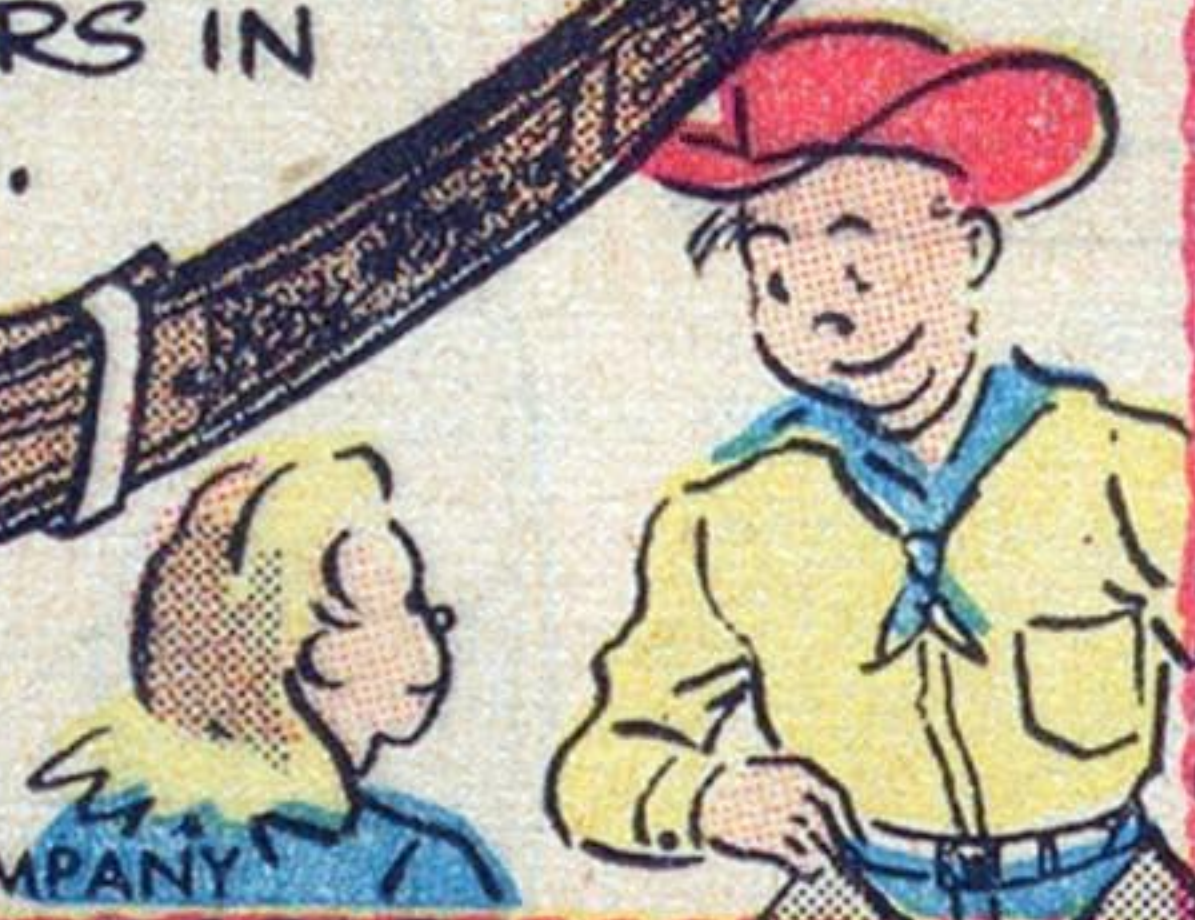
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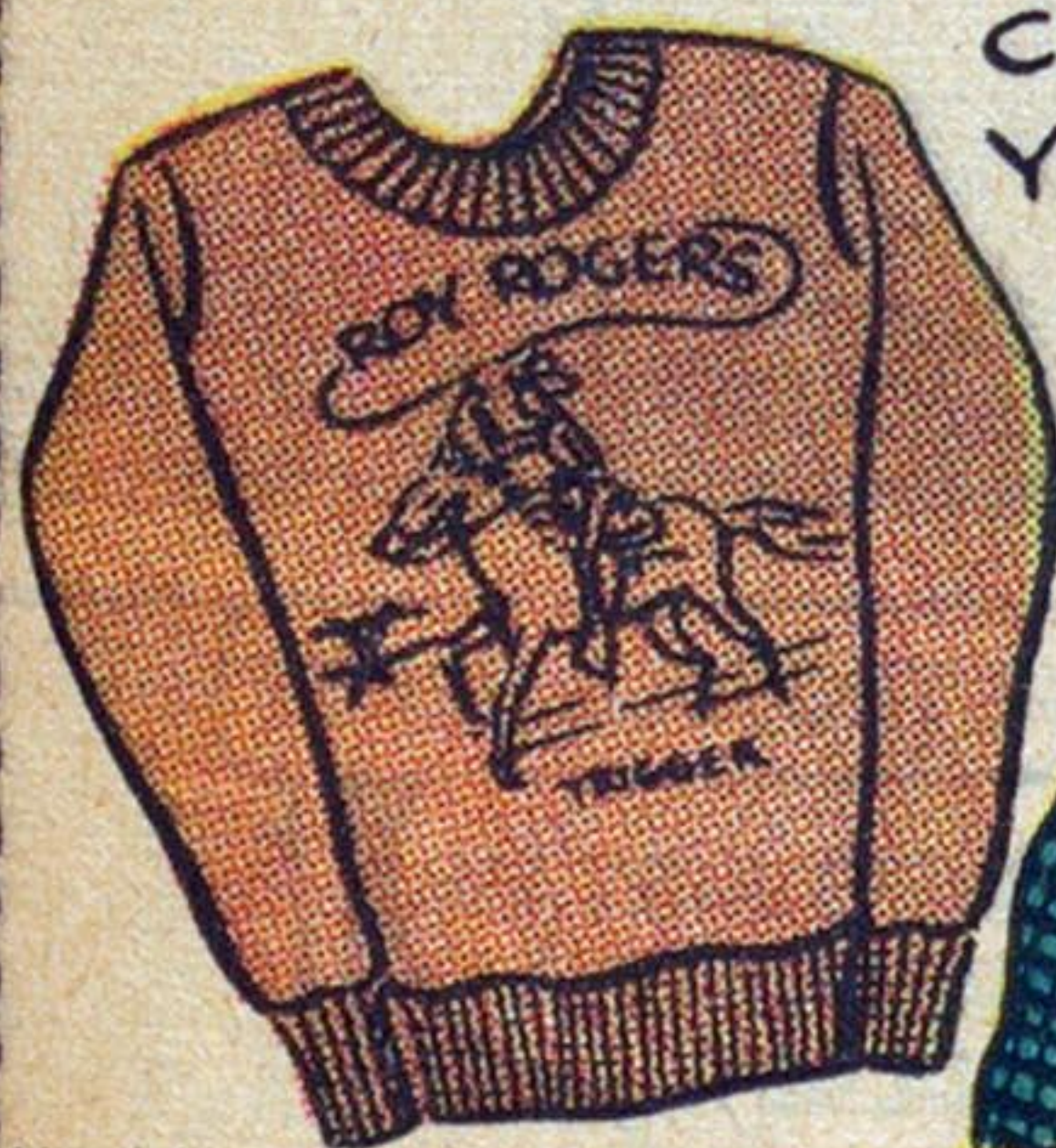
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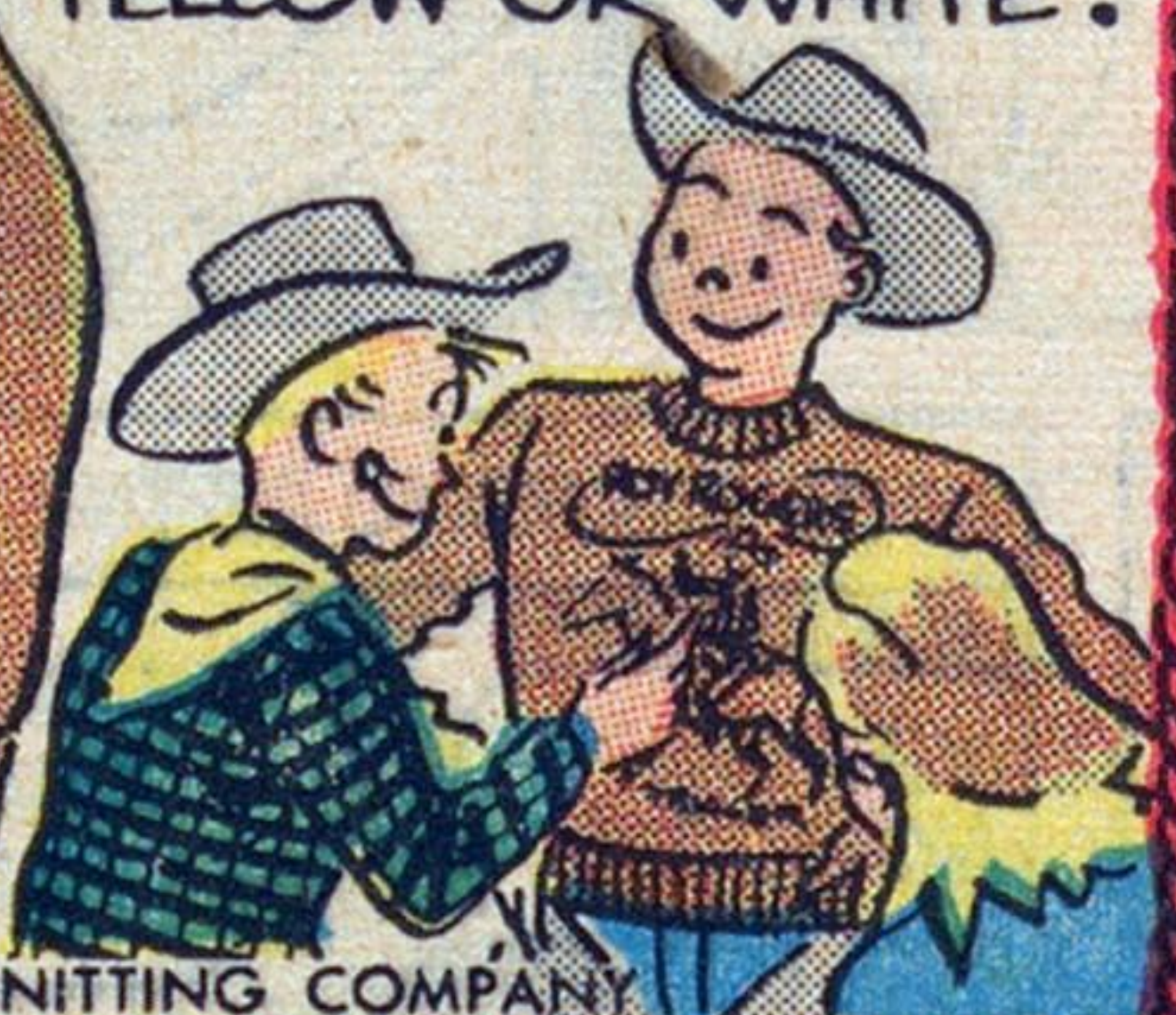
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YOU'RE
HEDY
DE VINE!

JUST *FORGET* WHO I AM AND TELL ME WHAT THE *TROUBLE* IS!

WHAT A BREAK! HEDY DE VINE IS VERY KINDHEARTED! IF I PLAY MY CARDS RIGHT I CAN *USE* HER! I'LL TRY THE *SYMPATHY* ANGLE!

WHAT CAN YOU DO, MISS--ER...

MY NAME IS SUE HILL AND I'D BE WILLING TO DO *ANYTHING*! WHY, I'LL EVEN *COOK* AND *SCRUB FLOORS* JUST FOR MY ROOM AND BOARD!

ANYONE AS CONSCIENTIOUS AS *YOU* ARE *DESERVES* A HELPING HAND! HERE'S MY ADDRESS, SUE! YOU GO OVER TO *MY* HOUSE! YOU CAN HELP MY MAID, ANNIE!

OH, BOY! SHE FELL FOR THAT, *HOOK, LINE, AND SINKER!*

HAVE SOME BREAKFAST AND GO RIGHT OVER! I'LL BE THERE LATER!

I--I DON'T KNOW *HOW* TO THANK YOU, MISS DE VINE!

MORNING, MISS DE VINE! GOOD NEWS FOR YOU! MR. TRUMPETSKI SAID YOU CAN TAKE THE DAY OFF! NOT READY FOR YOUR SCENE!

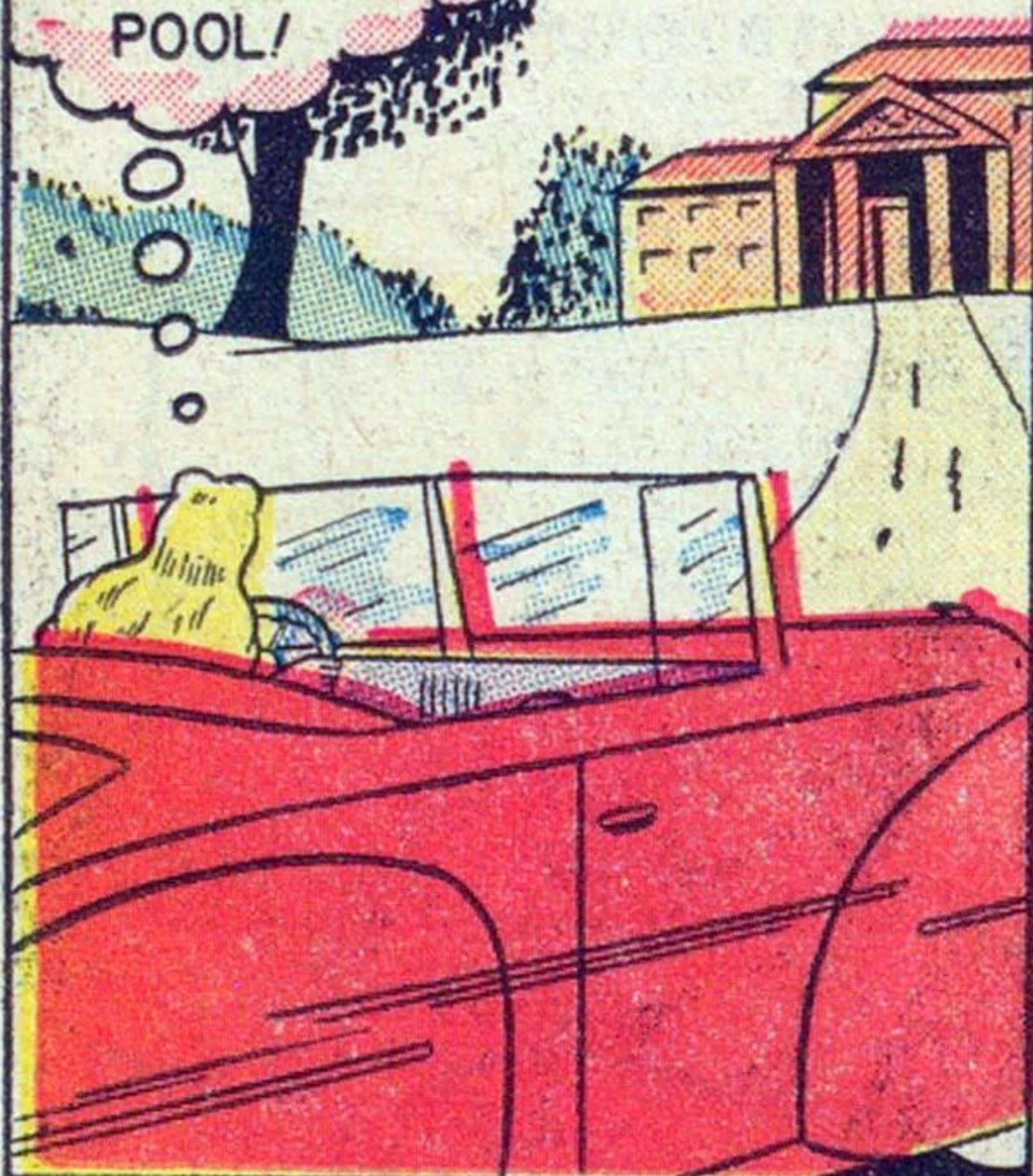
OH! WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE!

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO REST UP AND TAKE IT NICE AND EASY!

HOME SWEET HOME, HERE I COME!

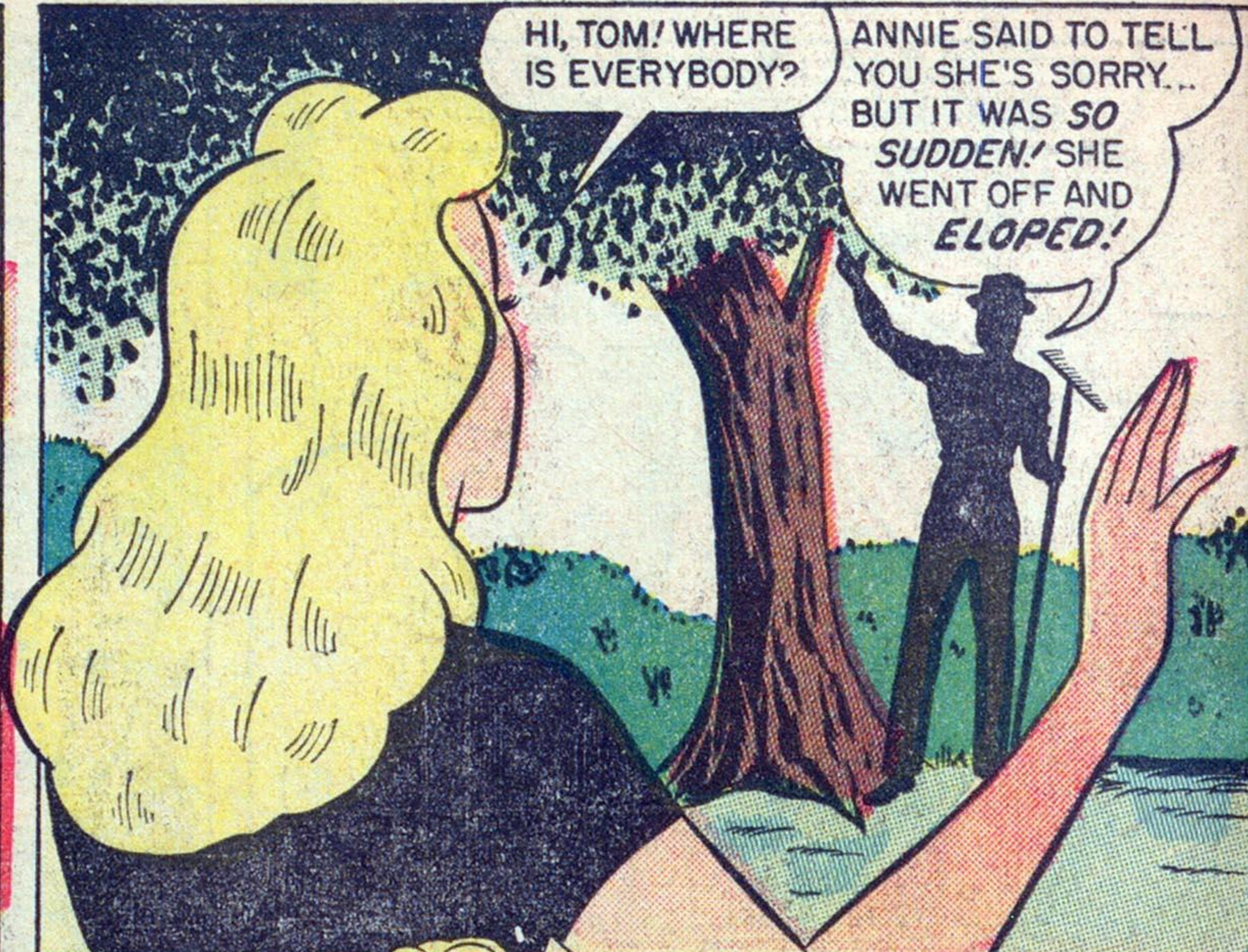
AND HERE IS HEDY'S HOME SWEET HOME...

WHAT A DAY!
THINK I'LL TAKE
A DIP IN THE
POOL!



HI, TOM! WHERE
IS EVERYBODY?

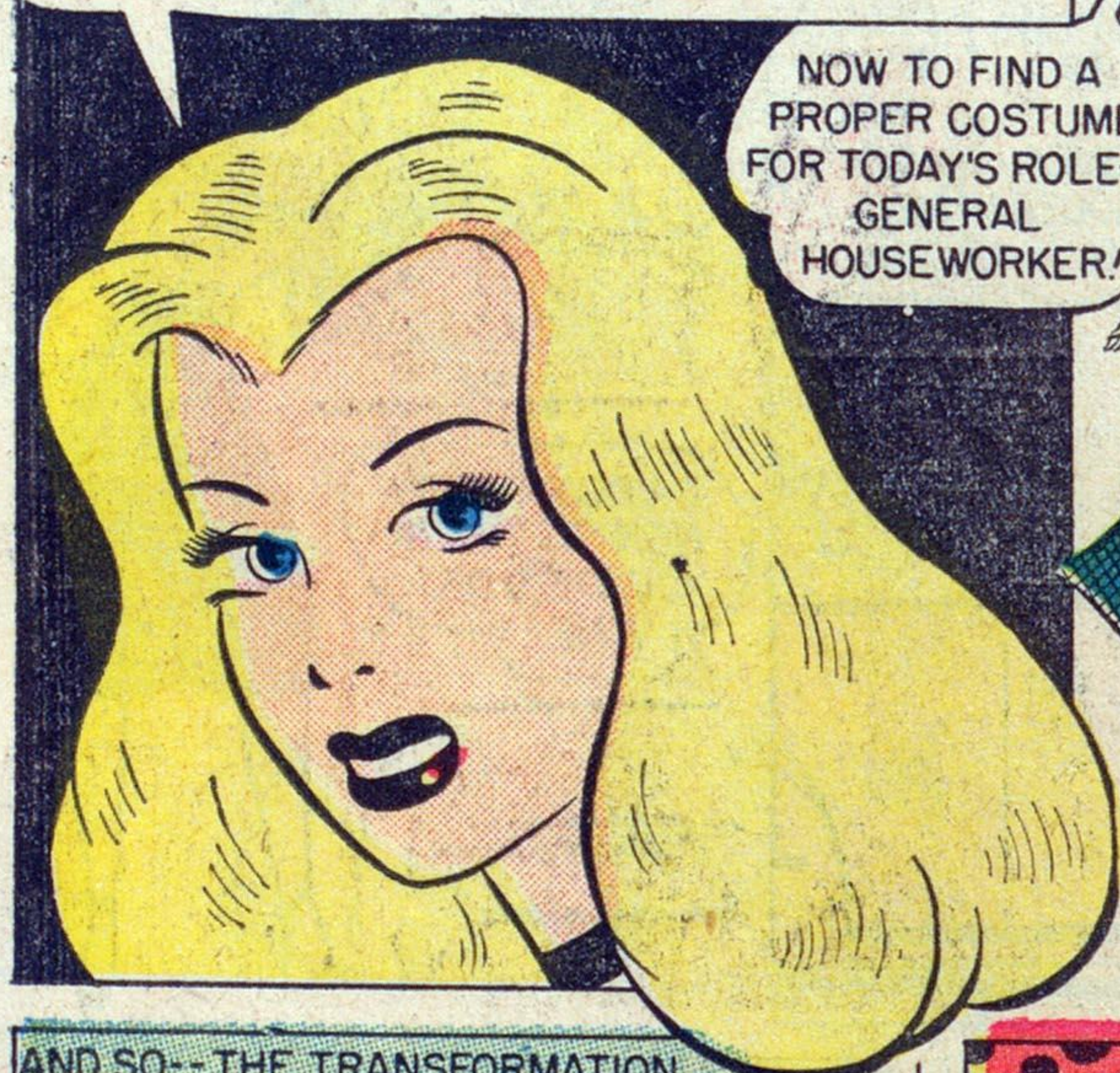
ANNIE SAID TO TELL
YOU SHE'S SORRY...
BUT IT WAS *SO*
SUDDEN! SHE
WENT OFF AND
ELOPED!



I'M SURE LUCKY I RAN INTO THAT GIRL TODAY! I
REALLY **NEED** HER NOW, BUT I'LL HAVE TO HELP
HER OUT FOR THE FIRST FEW DAYS!

NOW TO FIND A
PROPER COSTUME
FOR TODAY'S ROLE--
GENERAL
HOUSEWORKER!

GEE, NOTHING PRACTICAL *HERE!*
I'LL HAVE TO BORROW SOMETHING
OF ANNIE'S!



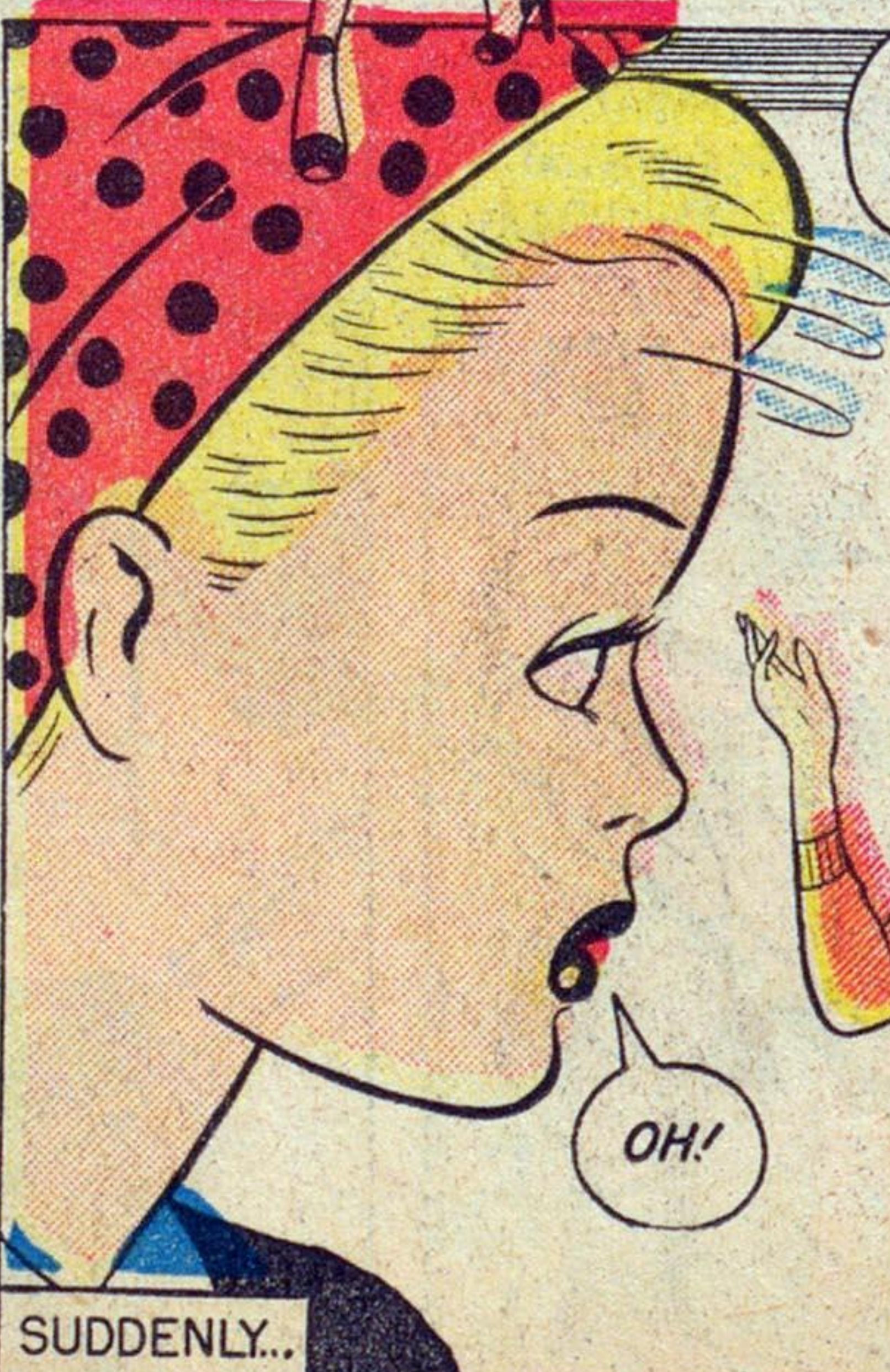
AND SO-- THE TRANSFORMATION...

THIS DOES IT!
I HARDLY
KNOW MYSELF!



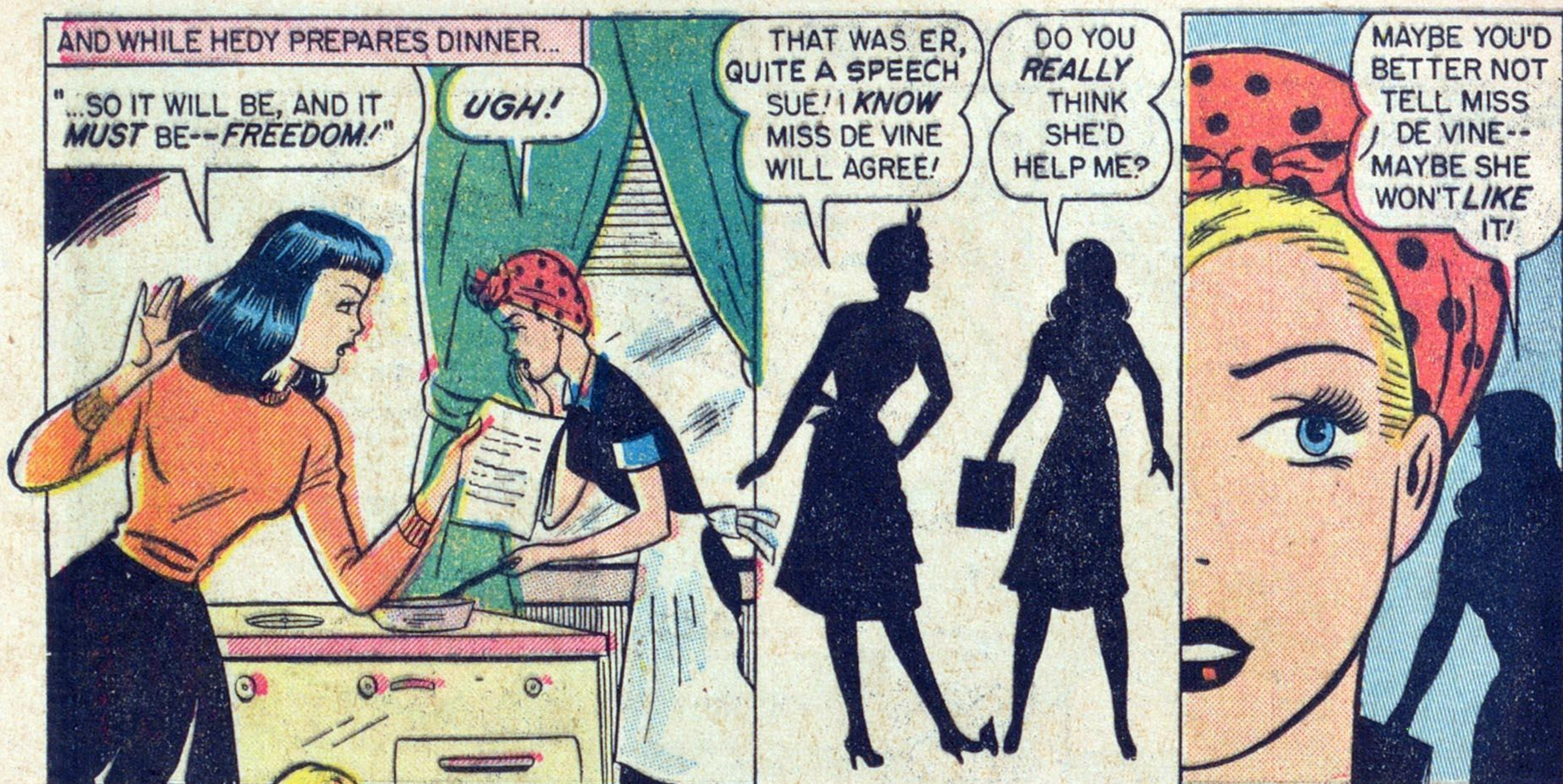
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THE MAID I'M TO HELP!

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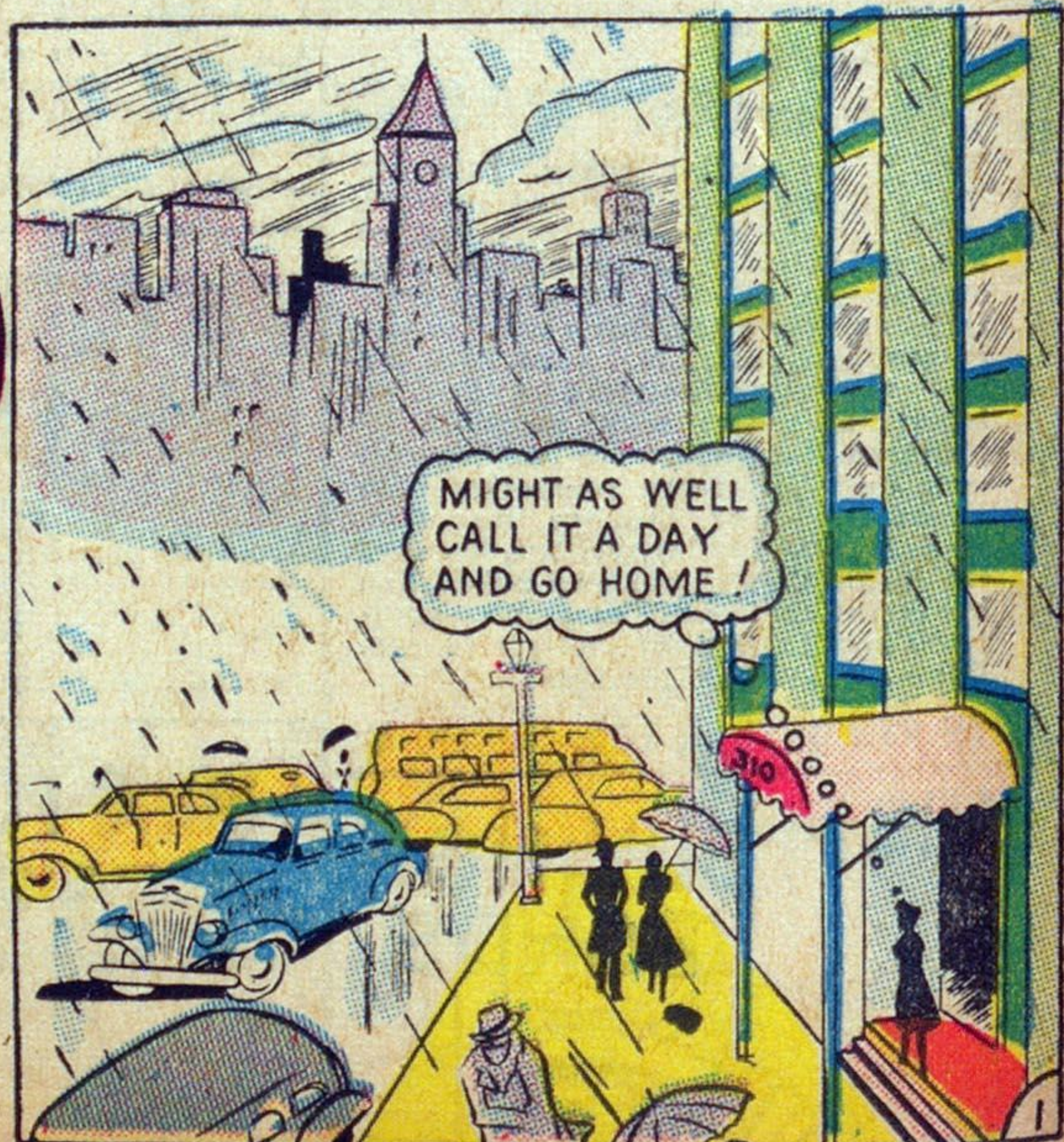
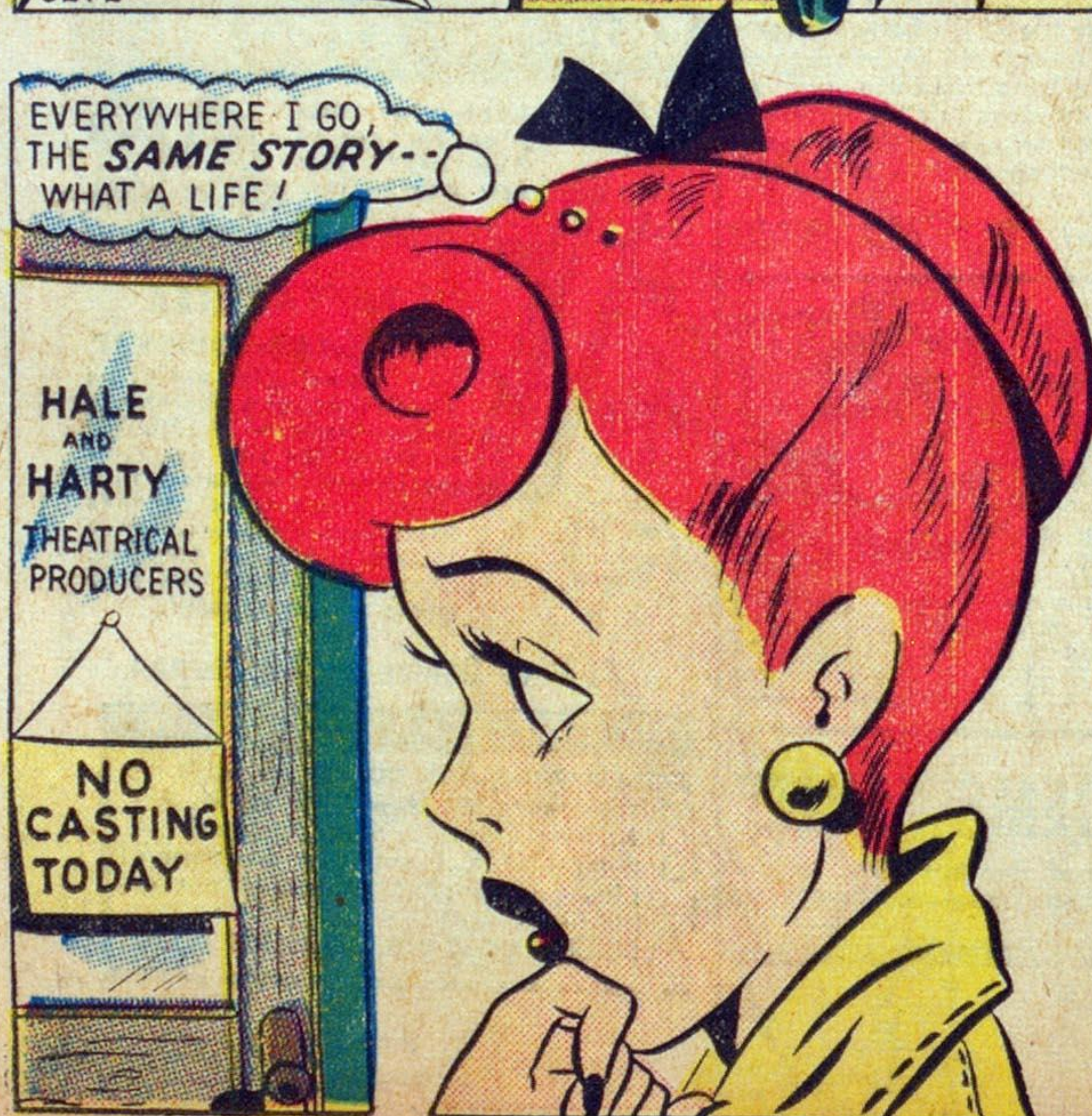
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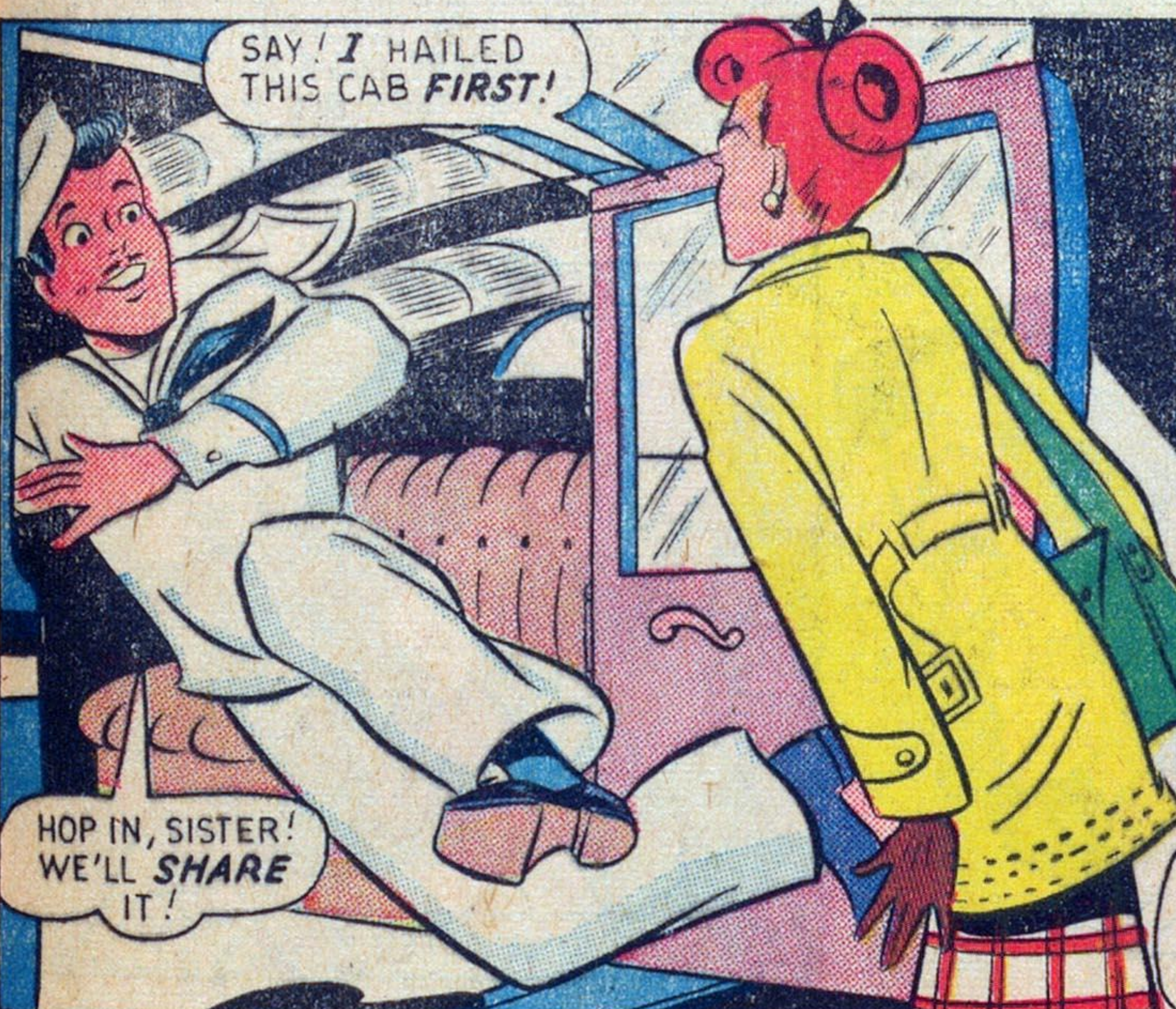




HERE GOES MY LAST DOLLAR ON A CAB!



TAXI! TAXI!



SAY! I HAILED THIS CAB **FIRST!**

HOP IN, SISTER! WE'LL **SHARE** IT!



BUT I NEVER RIDE WITH STRANGERS!

AW, C'MON, I WON'T BITE YOU... BESIDES, IT'S RAINING!

I HATE TO INTERRUPT, FOLKS, BUT LET'S GET GOIN'! I'D LIKE TO MAKE A FEW MORE CALLS BEFORE THIS RAIN STOPS!



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OH! SO YOU'RE AN **ACTRESS**, MISS... MISS...



I'M LANA LANE! I **THOUGHT** I WAS AN ACTRESS, BUT-- OH, THIS TERRIBLE, TERRIBLE SHOW BUSINESS...

GOLLY, YOU **CAN'T** LET IT GET YOU DOWN, MISS LANE!



(BOO-HOO!) WHEREVER I GO -- **NO CASTING!** I'M THROUGH WITH THE THEATER AND EVERYTHING AND EVERYBODY CONNECTED WITH IT! (BOO-HOO!)

(GLUB!) PLEASE DON'T CRY, LANA... ER, MISS LANE! **P-L-E-A-S-E...**



THANK YOU **EVER** SO MUCH FOR THE RIDE, MISTER...

JUST CALL ME HANK! AND REMEMBER, **NO MORE CRYING!**

AS LANA STEPS OUT OF THE CAB, CLARA IS ALSO RETURNING HOME...



MY GOSH! THAT WAS **HENRY MANDER, THE SCREEN STAR,** IN REHEARSAL COSTUME FOR HIS PLAY, "CAPTAIN HERBERTS!"



WHO WAS YOUR HANDSOME FRIEND?

IF YOU REALLY **MUST** KNOW, CLARA, HE WAS JUST A NICE SAILOR WHO LET ME SHARE HIS CAB!

HMMM-- JUST AS I THOUGHT! LANA DIDN'T EVEN **RECOGNIZE** HIM IN HIS MUSTACHE AND SAILOR SUIT!

ALL RIGHT, LANA, QUICK! DRINK THIS HOT TEA... WHERE HAVE YOU **BEEEN** IN THIS TERRIBLE RAIN?

(S-NIFF! S-NIFF!) YOU'RE SO THOUGHTFUL AND SWEET, MICKEY!



A SHORT TIME LATER...

LET ME TAKE YOUR WET SHOES OFF BEFORE YOU CATCH COLD!

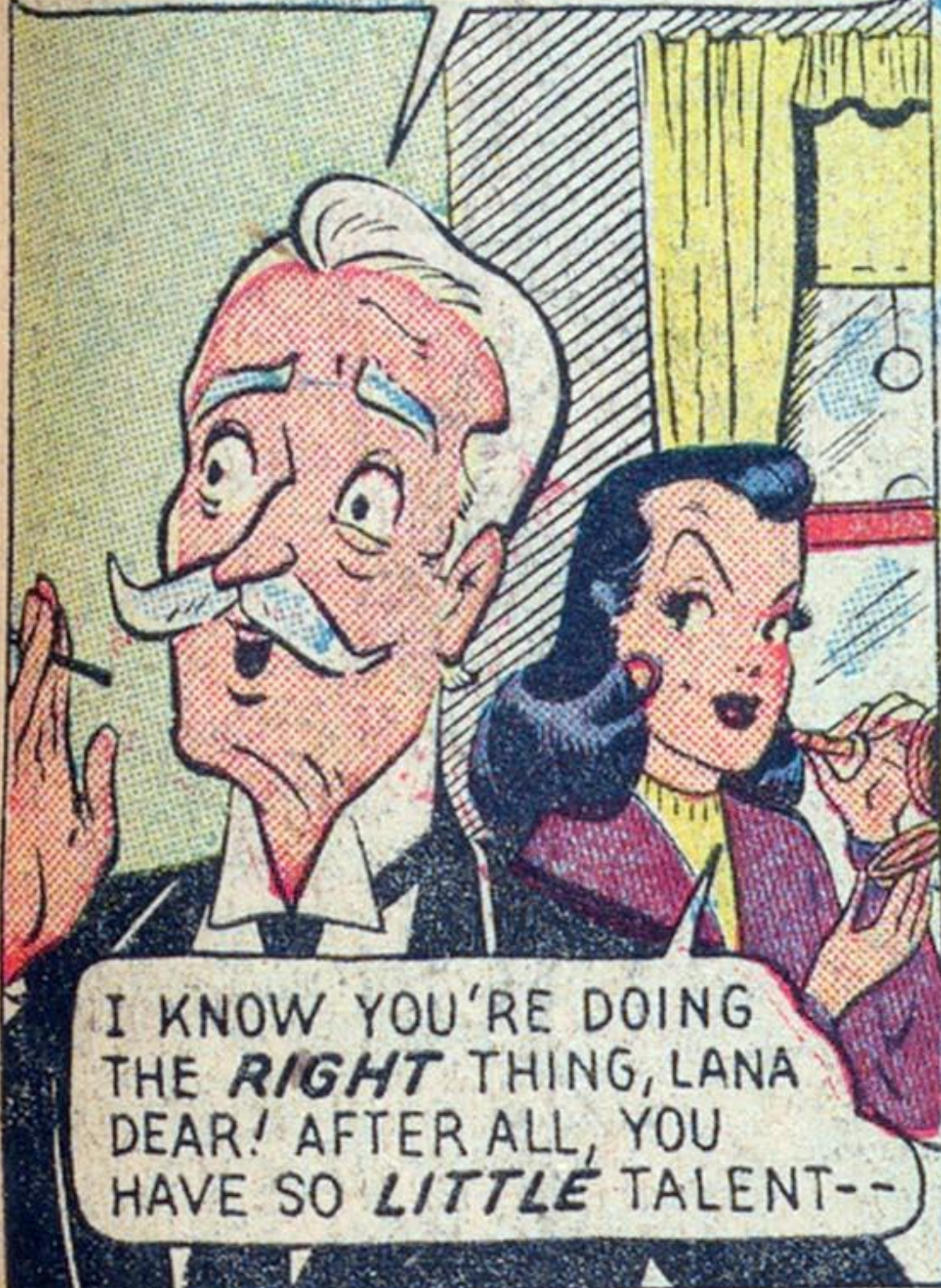
I'M WASHED UP! **THROUGH** WITH THE THEATER! **FINISHED!**

WHAT'S **THAT?** A **TRUE** ACTRESS **NEVER** SAYS **DIE!**

OHhhh! MICKEY, YOU'RE SO COMFORTING! BUT I'M STILL SO **UNHAPPY!** (S-NIFF!)

DARLING! (GULP!) I MEAN, LANA! I'M SO HAPPY TO HEAR YOU TALK THIS WAY-- AND YOU KEEP OUT OF THIS, HAMM!

YOU'LL **NEVER** QUIT, LANA! I'VE PLAYED WITH THE **GREATEST...** AND I SAY, ONCE YOU'VE GOT THE THEATER IN YOUR BLOOD...



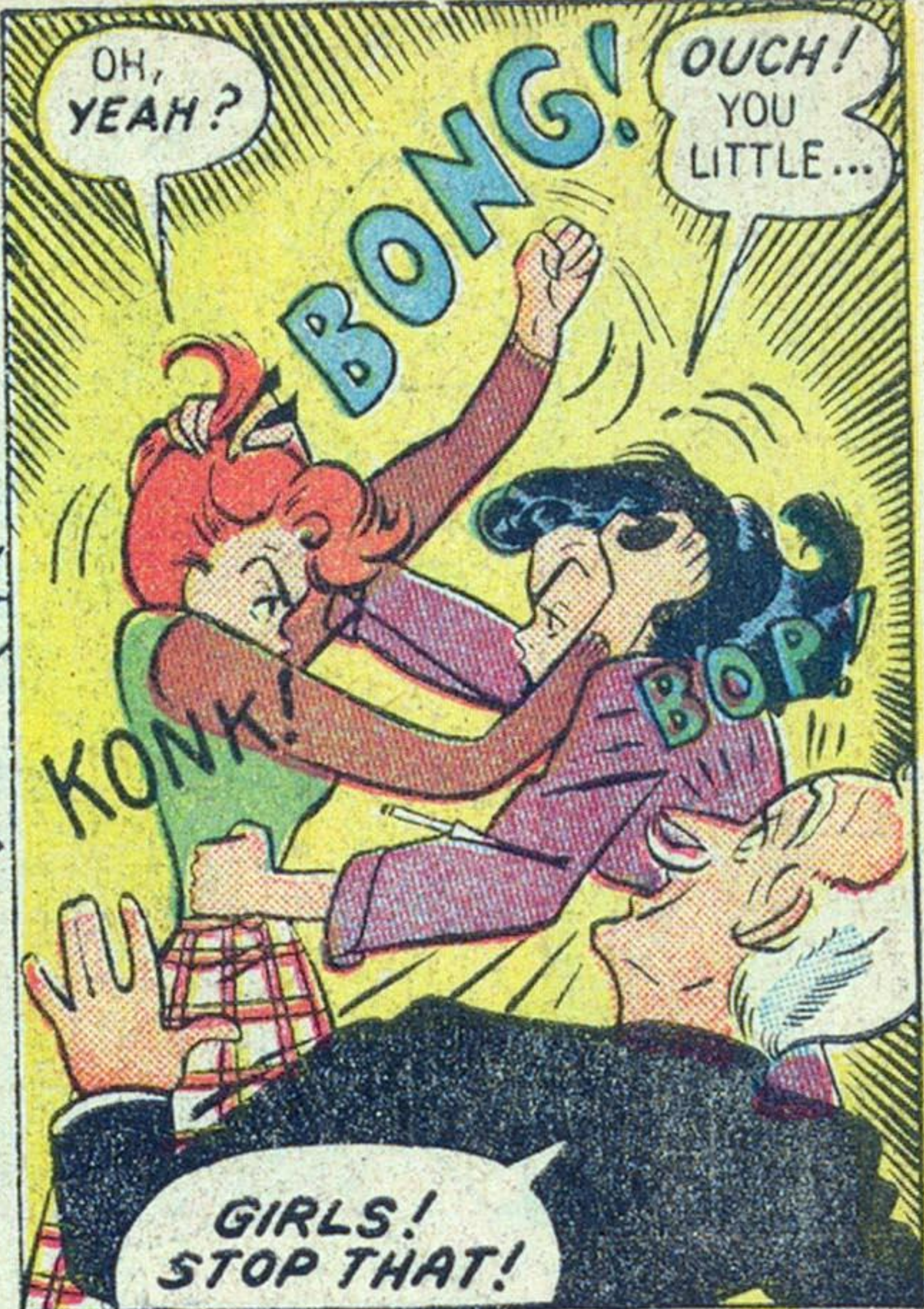
I KNOW YOU'RE DOING THE **RIGHT** THING, LANA DEAR! AFTER ALL, YOU HAVE SO **LITTLE** TALENT--

AND I'M TIRED OF YOUR **SARCASM**, CLARA BRIGHT!



AND I'M TIRED OF THE WAY YOU'RE **ALWAYS** LEADING MICKEY AROUND BY HIS NOSE!

NOW, NOW, GIRLS...



OH, YEAH?

OUCH! YOU LITTLE...

KONK!

BOOP!

GIRLS! STOP THAT!



BREAK IT UP! IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT ALL YOU TEMPERAMENTAL CELEBRITIES OWE ME FOUR MONTHS BACK RENT!

BUT, MOM MURPHY...

G-R-R-R-R!



(SOB!) I'D LIKE TO **SPITE** HER AND BECOME A **BIG STAR!** BUT, NO! I'VE MADE UP MY MIND TO **QUIT** THE THEATRE AND... I'M GOING **THROUGH** WITH IT!



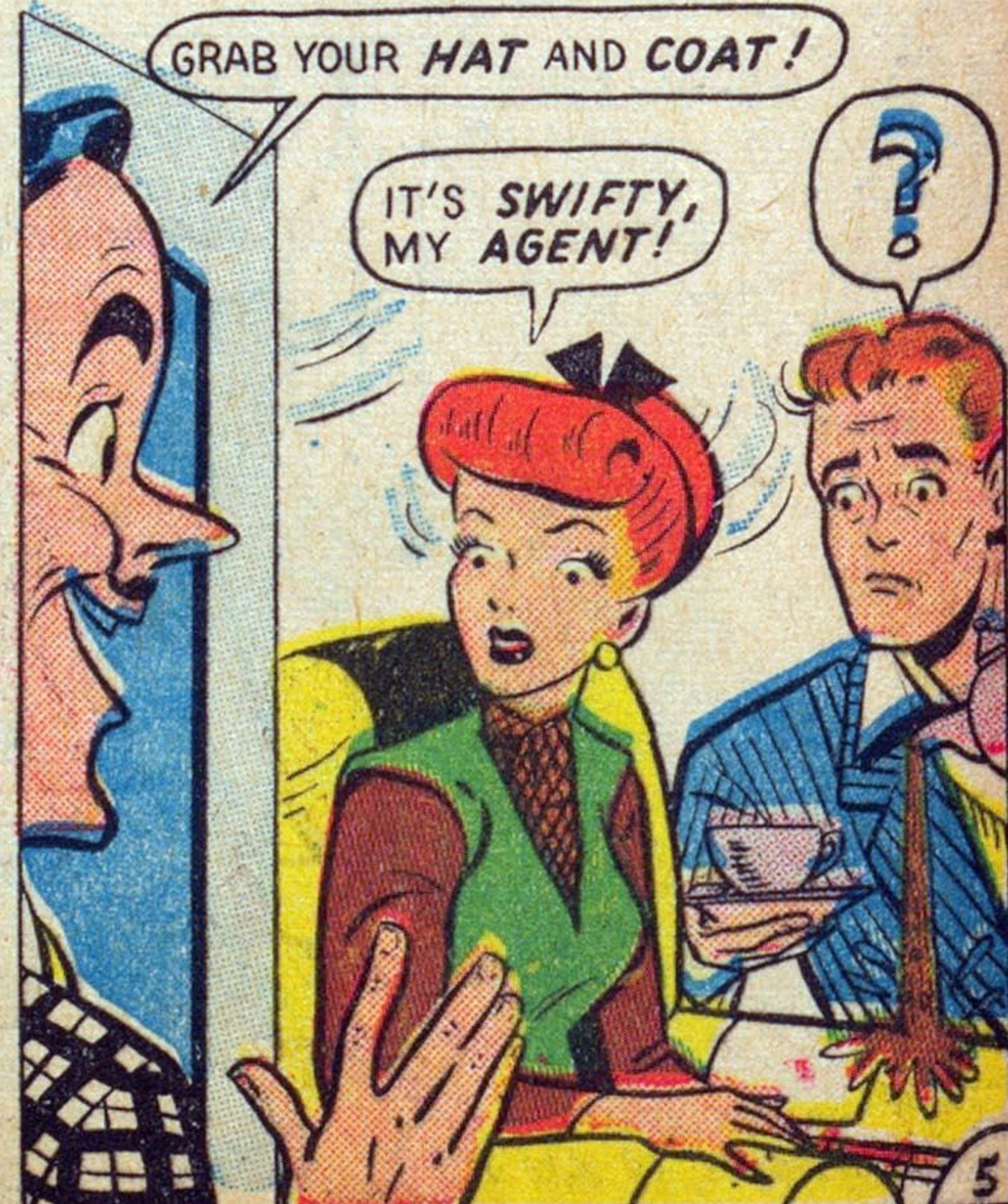
HA-HA! SHE'S FINALLY CALLING IT QUITS! IF ONLY...

AM I SEEING THINGS? IT'S-- IT'S **HANK MANDER!**



I'VE GOT TO GET TO HIM BEFORE **LANA** DOES!





I'VE GOT **SENSATIONAL** NEWS! WE'VE GOT TO DASH TO THE THEATER!

OH-H-H, SWIFTY! IS IT A PART?

I DON'T KNOW, LANA! JOSH HORN, THE BIG DIRECTOR, CALLED ME **PERSONALLY** TO BRING YOU TO REHEARSAL RIGHT AWAY! CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!

HE'S DIRECTING THE SEA PLAY, "CAPTAIN HERBERTS!" I HOPE I **LOOK** ALL RIGHT!

NOW DON'T GET NERVOUS, KID! THE BIG MOVIE STAR, HENRY MANDER, WANTS TO SEE YOU!

HENRY MANDER? (GULP!) GOLLY! WHAT COULD HE WANT **ME** FOR?

AS SWIFTY AND LANA RUSH TO THE THEATER, CLARA BRIGHT IS...

HOT DIGGETY! REE-BOP! ONE MORE FAST DANCE, BABY!

PLEASE, HANK, LET'S GO TO A NICE **QUIET** PLACE AND TALK ABOUT THE **PART** YOU WANT TO GIVE ME IN YOUR PLAY!

SOME **OTHER** TIME, BABY! RIGHT NOW I HAVE TO GET BACK TO MY **SHIP!** IF YOU'D LIKE TO WRITE ME, JUST ADDRESS IT TO **HANK BRONSON, U.S.S. TEXAS!**

YIPE!

BACK TO LANA AND SWIFTY...

ROBERT THEATER STAGE DOOR

NOW REMEMBER, KID! DON'T GET NERVOUS WHEN YOU MEET THE BIG STAR!

THUMP THUMP

I-I-I-I'M N-N-NOT N-N-**NERVOUS!**

BACKSTAGE...

SURPRISED, HUH? THIS IS JOSH HORN, THE DIRECTOR!

IT'S ONLY A **SMALL** PART, MISS LANE! BUT MR. MANDER SAYS WE CAN'T LET YOU **QUIT** THE THEATER!

WHY, YOU'RE... OH-H-H, H-AN-K!

THAT'S YOUR STORY!

I GOT A PART! AREN'T SAILORS WONDERFUL?

THE END

STAMP NEWS

By KENT B. STILES

At this writing Uncle Sam's stamp-issuing program for 1948 called for a total of thirty postal items, all but one of which have been mentioned in these columns. There were published reports that the Post Office Department was considering adding two — one honoring the late General Pershing, the other in memory of the late baseball hero "Babe" Ruth, but no official word that such stamps would appear had come from Washington as these lines were being prepared.

A surprise stamp, its printing directed by President Truman, is a 3c purple honoring Harlan Fiske Stone (1872-1946), who was Chief Justice of the United States at the time of his death. This memorial bearing his portrait, received first-day sale on Aug. 25 at his birthplace, Chesterfield, N. H.

A likeness of Clara Barton (1830-1912), first president of the American Red Cross, and a crimson cross form the design of a 3c red released on Sept. 7 at Oxford, Mass., her birthplace. A male Light Brahma fowl and an egg are pictured on a 3c which received first-day sale at New Haven, Conn., on Sept. 9, to mark the centennial of the American poultry industry. The promised Gold Star Mothers memorial item, a 3c yellow-gold, went on sale at Washington on Sept. 21, the design being a star superimposed on a palm branch. And the 3c marking the centennial of the establishing of Fort Kearny was issued on Sept. 22 at Minden, Neb., the design being a sculptured group of pioneers on the Nebraska State Capitol, with a partial view of Fort Kearny below.

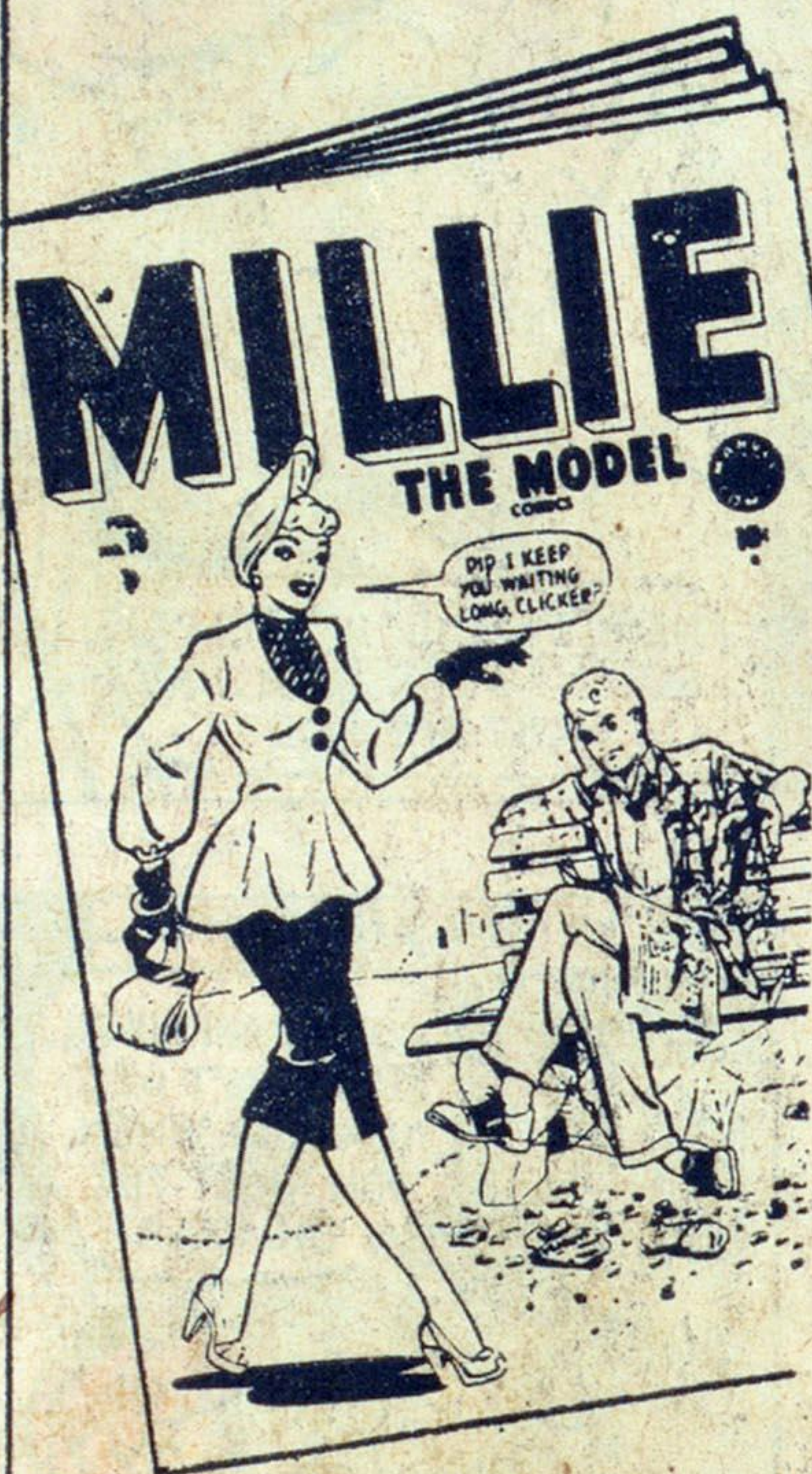
Colors

In conformance with International Postal Union regulations all United States stamps of the 3c denomination — equivalent to the domestic rate for an ordinary letter — are supposed to be printed in some shade of purple or violet. Also, in past years the Post Office Department felt that the labor of postal clerks would be lightened by adhering to purple or violet for 3c stamps. Therefore numerous requests from collectors, who tired of the monotony of purple or violet, were rejected at Washington.

This year the Post Office Department has put rules and precedent aside and borrowed a bit from the rainbow. Not all of the 3c stamps released thus far are purple or violet.

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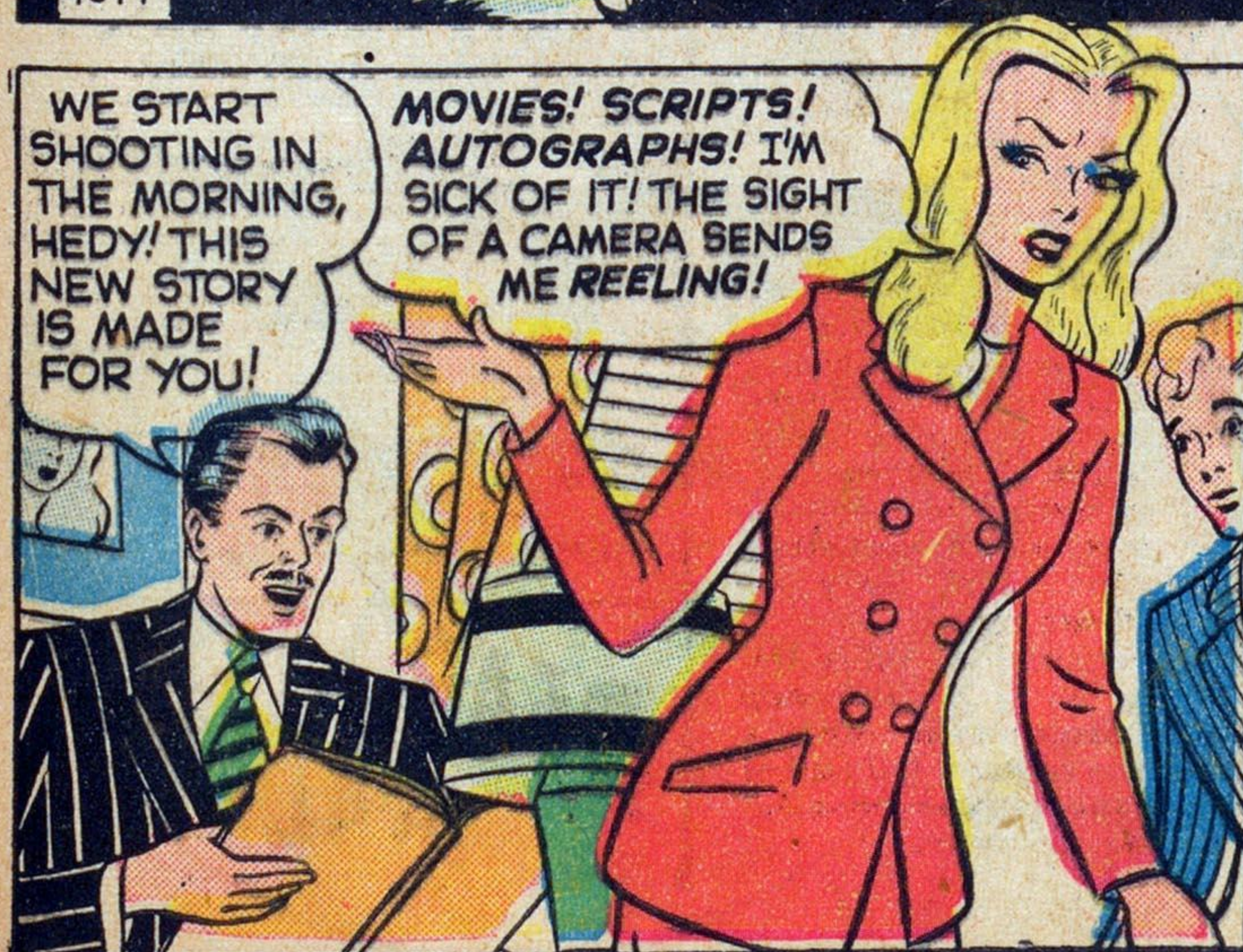
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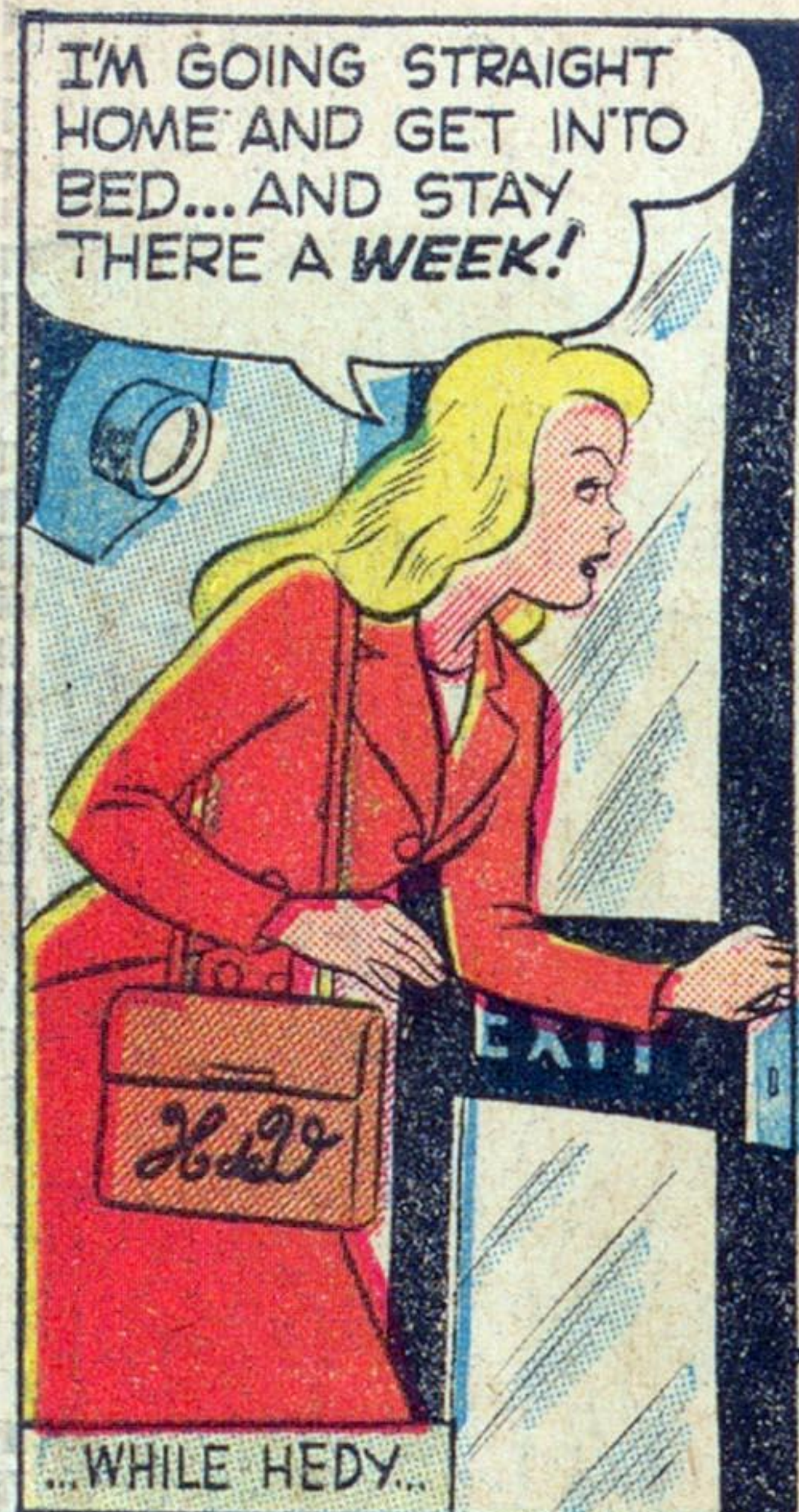
READ PATSY WALKER!

HEDY DE VINE



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I'M GOING STRAIGHT HOME AND GET INTO BED...AND STAY THERE A **WEEK!**

THERE SHE IS!

IT'S **HEDY DE VINE!**



YOUR AUTOGRAPH, HEDY!

I'M NEXT!

HEY! QUIT SHOVIN'!

...WHILE HEDY...

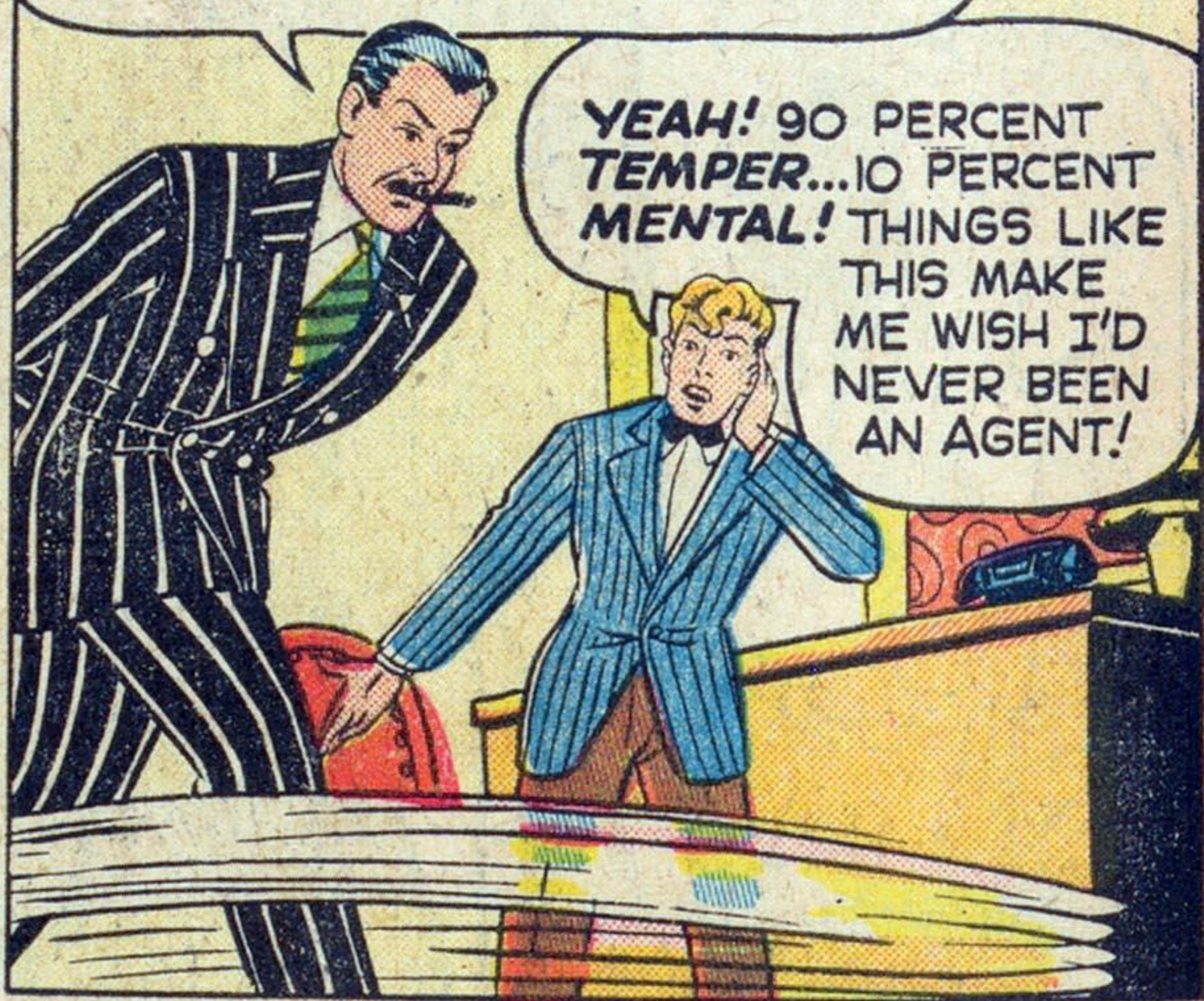


HEY, **HEDY!** YA FORGOT TO SIGN MY BOOK!

THAT **SETTLES** IT! I'M THROUGH WITH MOTION PICTURES **FOREVER!**

MEANWHILE...

I'VE SPENT A MILLION DOLLARS ON PUBLICITY EVEN BEFORE STARTING TO SHOOT "KATY OF THE CONGO"! NOW, AT THE LAST MINUTE, HEDY HAS TO GO TEMPERAMENTAL!



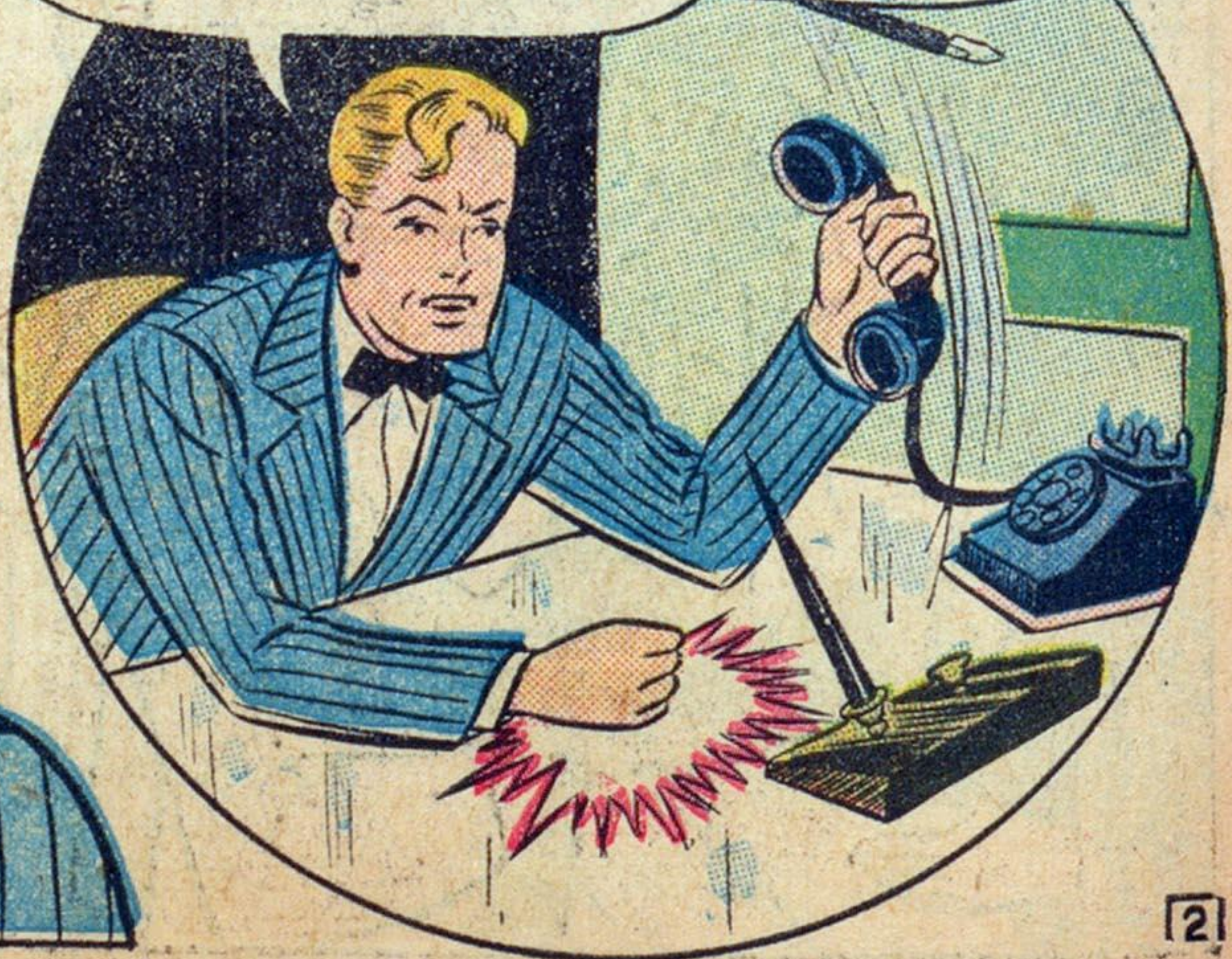
YEAH! 90 PERCENT **TEMPER...** 10 PERCENT **MENTAL!** THINGS LIKE THIS MAKE ME WISH I'D NEVER BEEN AN AGENT!

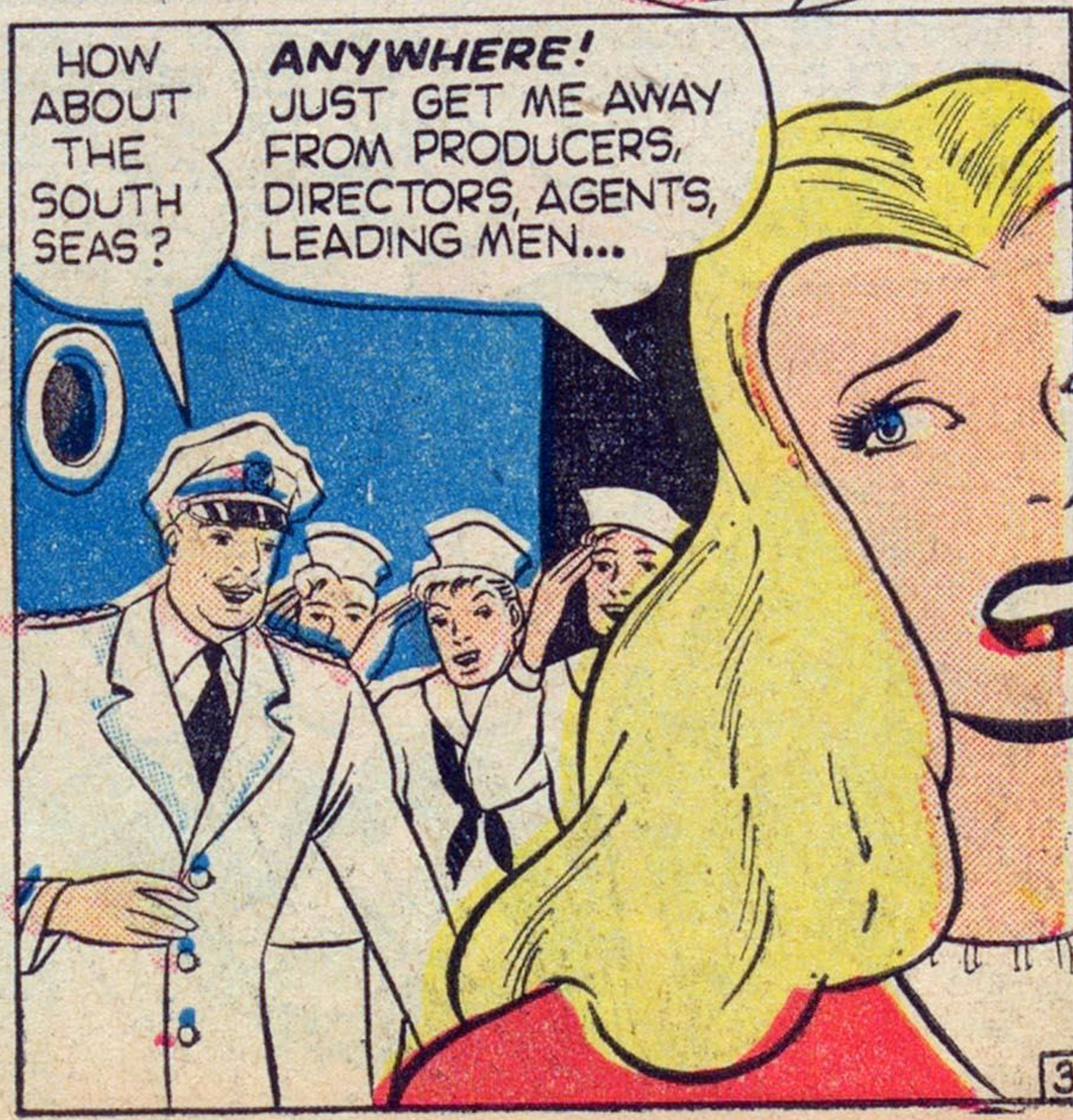
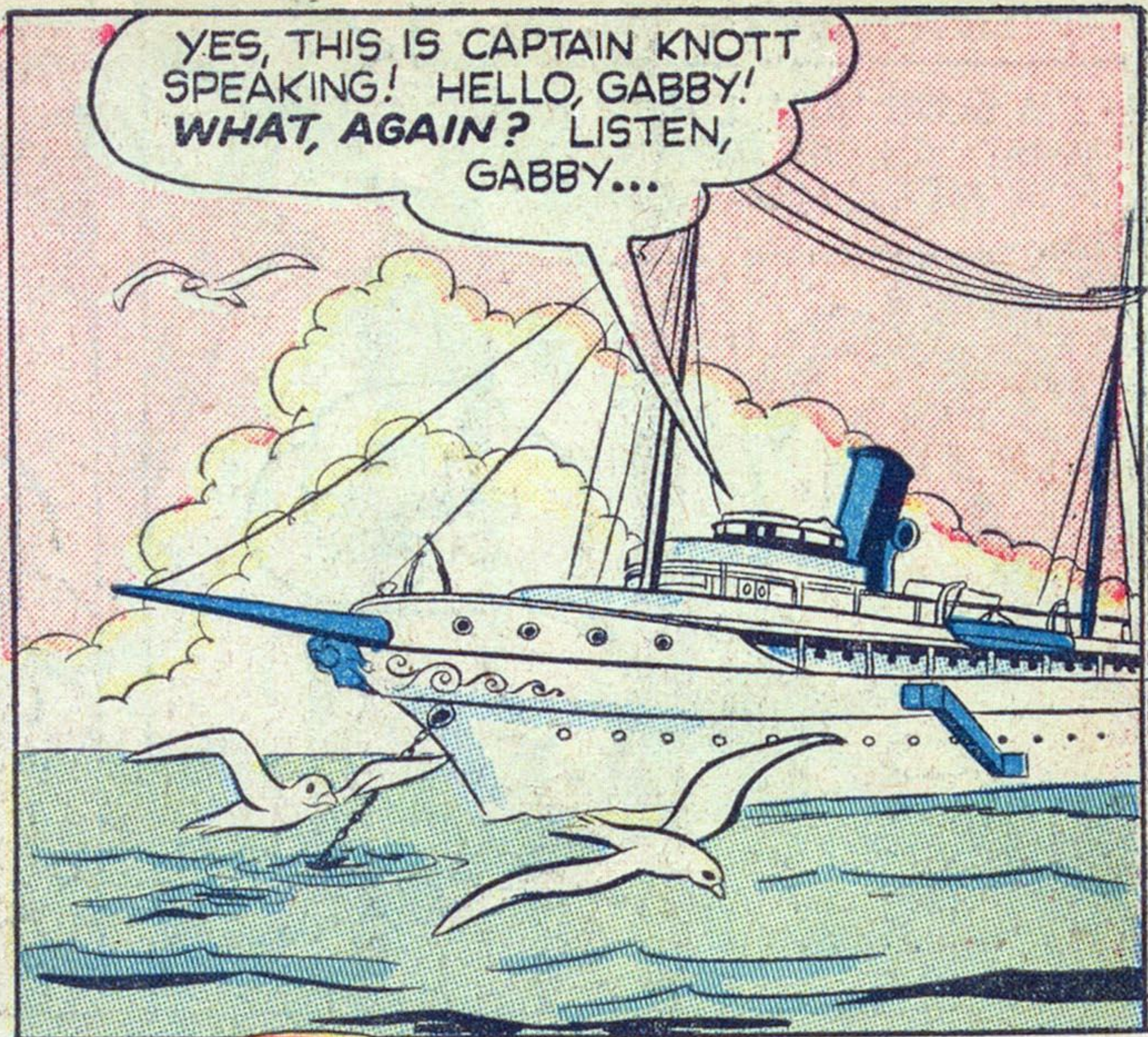


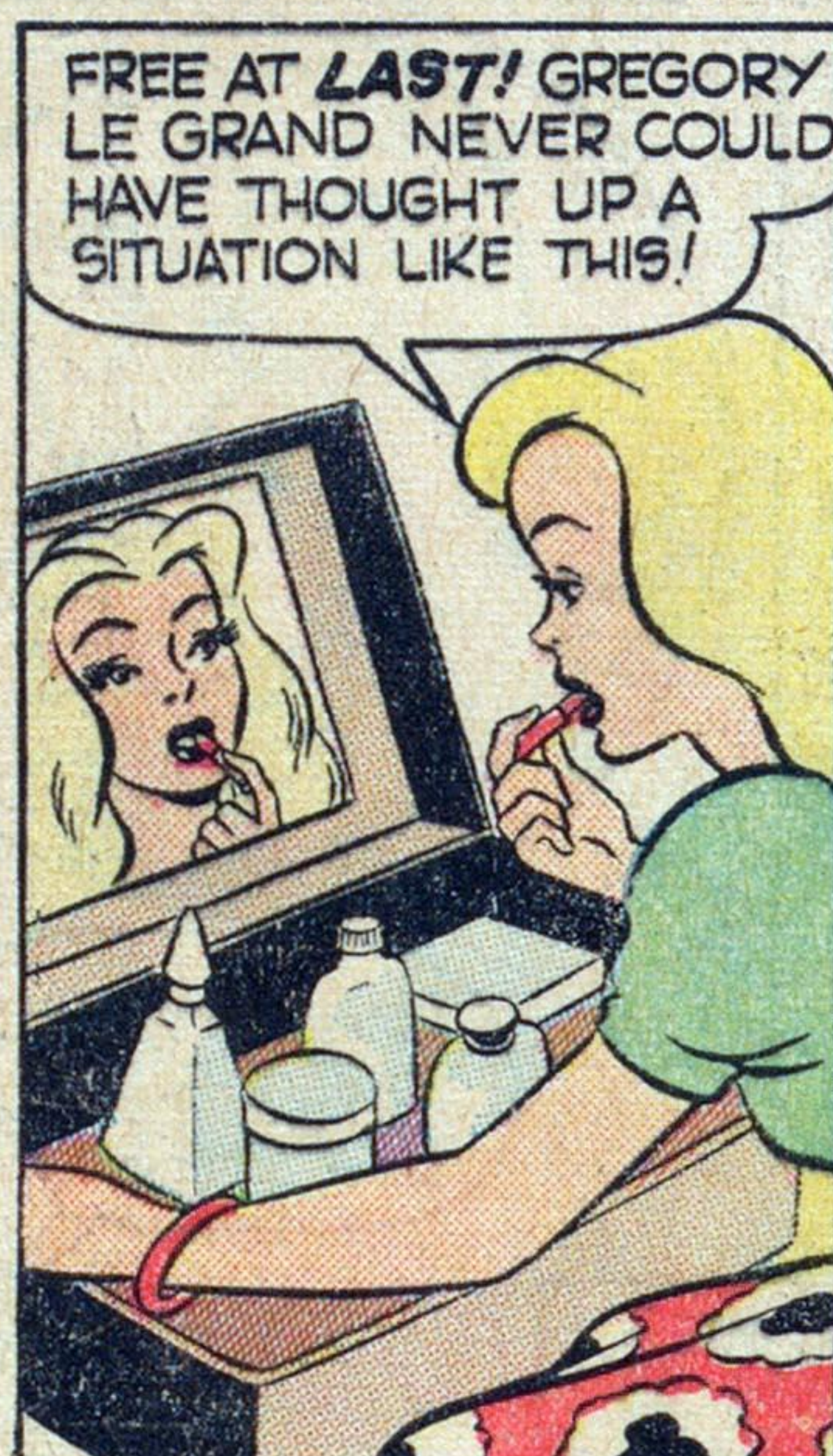
I'VE GOT THE PUBLIC SO WORKED UP THEY'RE **SCREAMING** FOR THE PICTURE! WE **CAN'T** WAIT TO GET **ANOTHER STAR!**

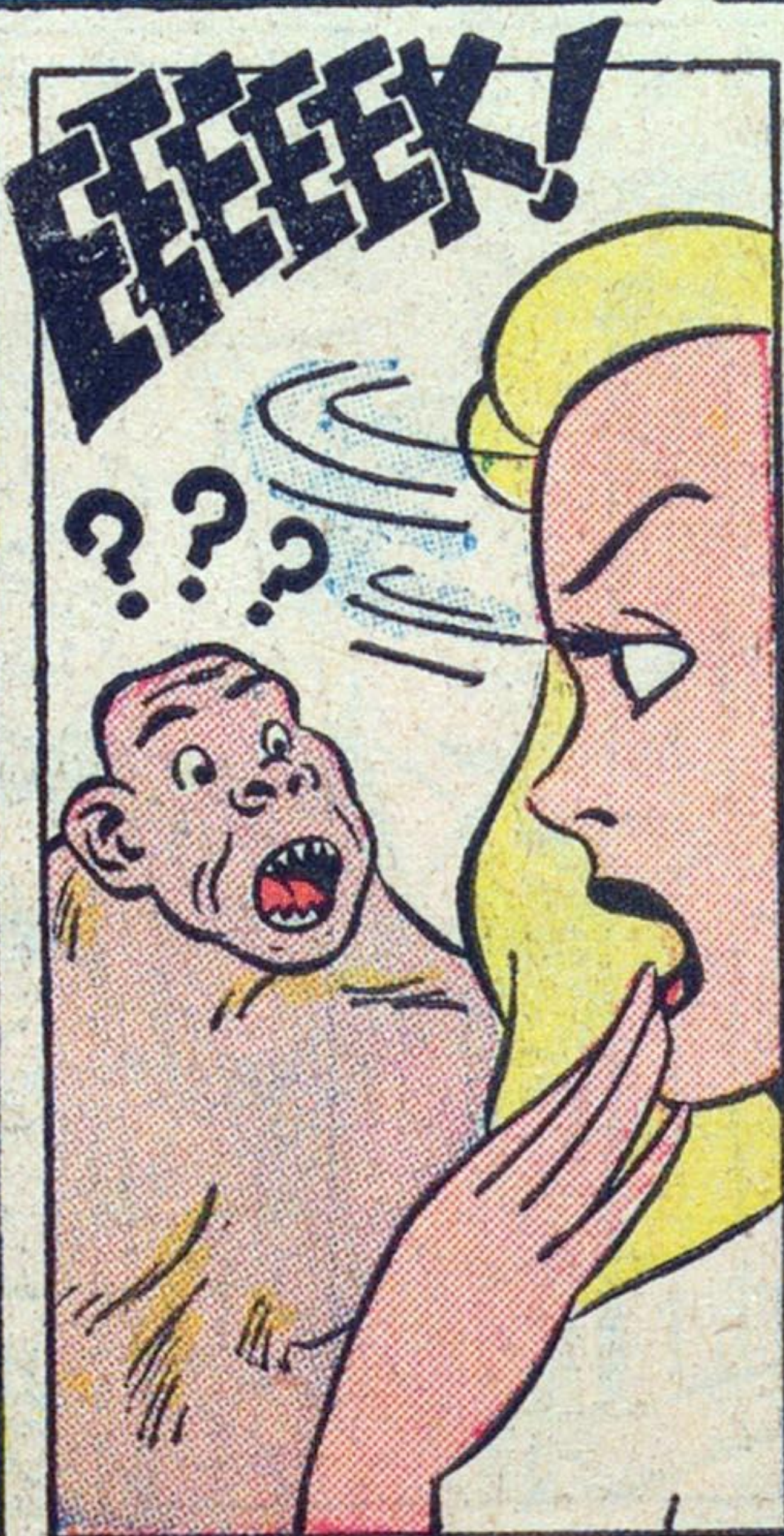
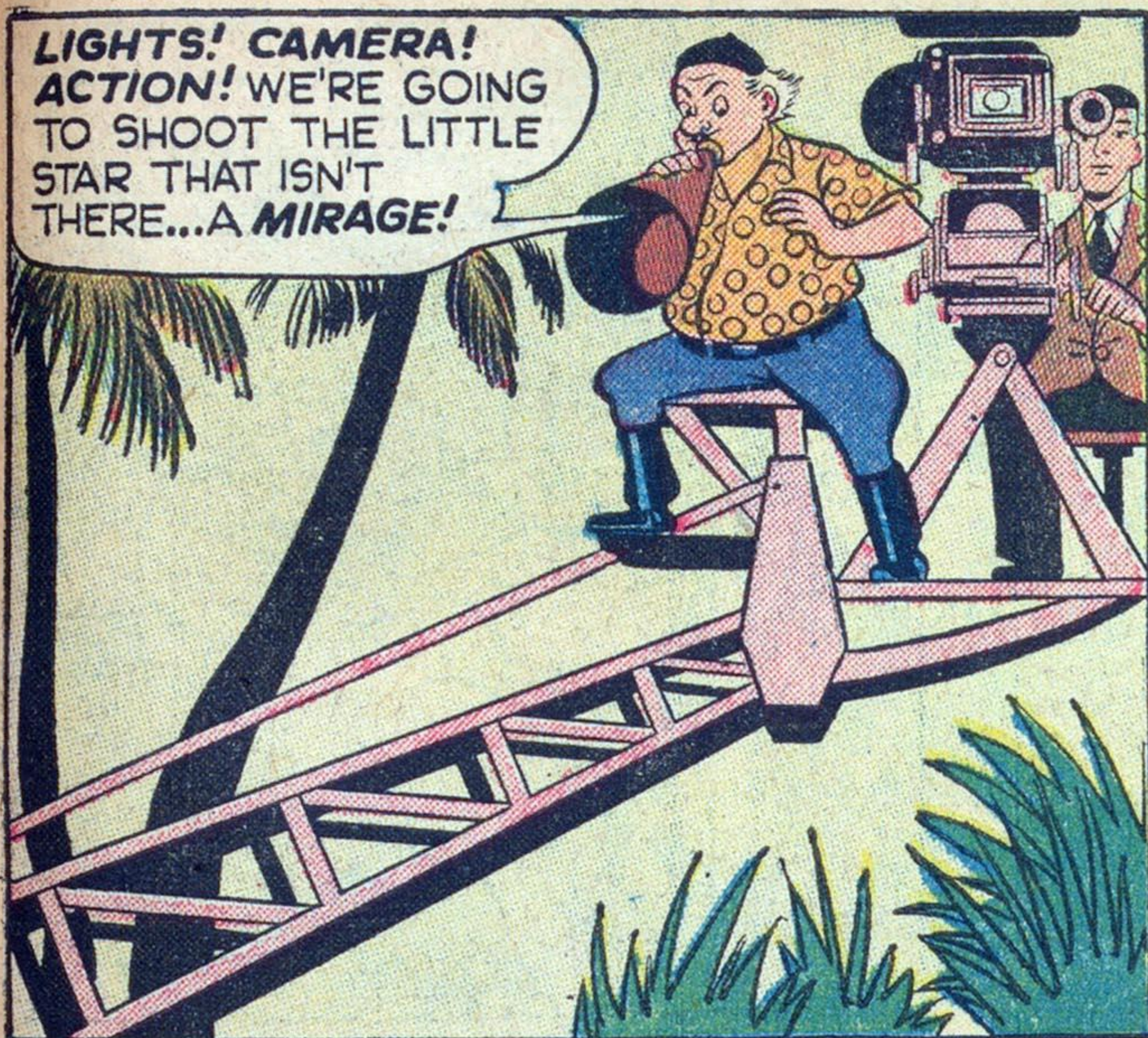
(**ULP!**)

I CAN'T LET HEDY LOSE HER CONTRACT... I MUST DO **SOMETHING!** NOW, LET'S SEE! WHERE WOULD SHE GO? OF **COURSE!** SHE ALWAYS GETS AWAY FROM IT ALL ON HER **YACHT!**











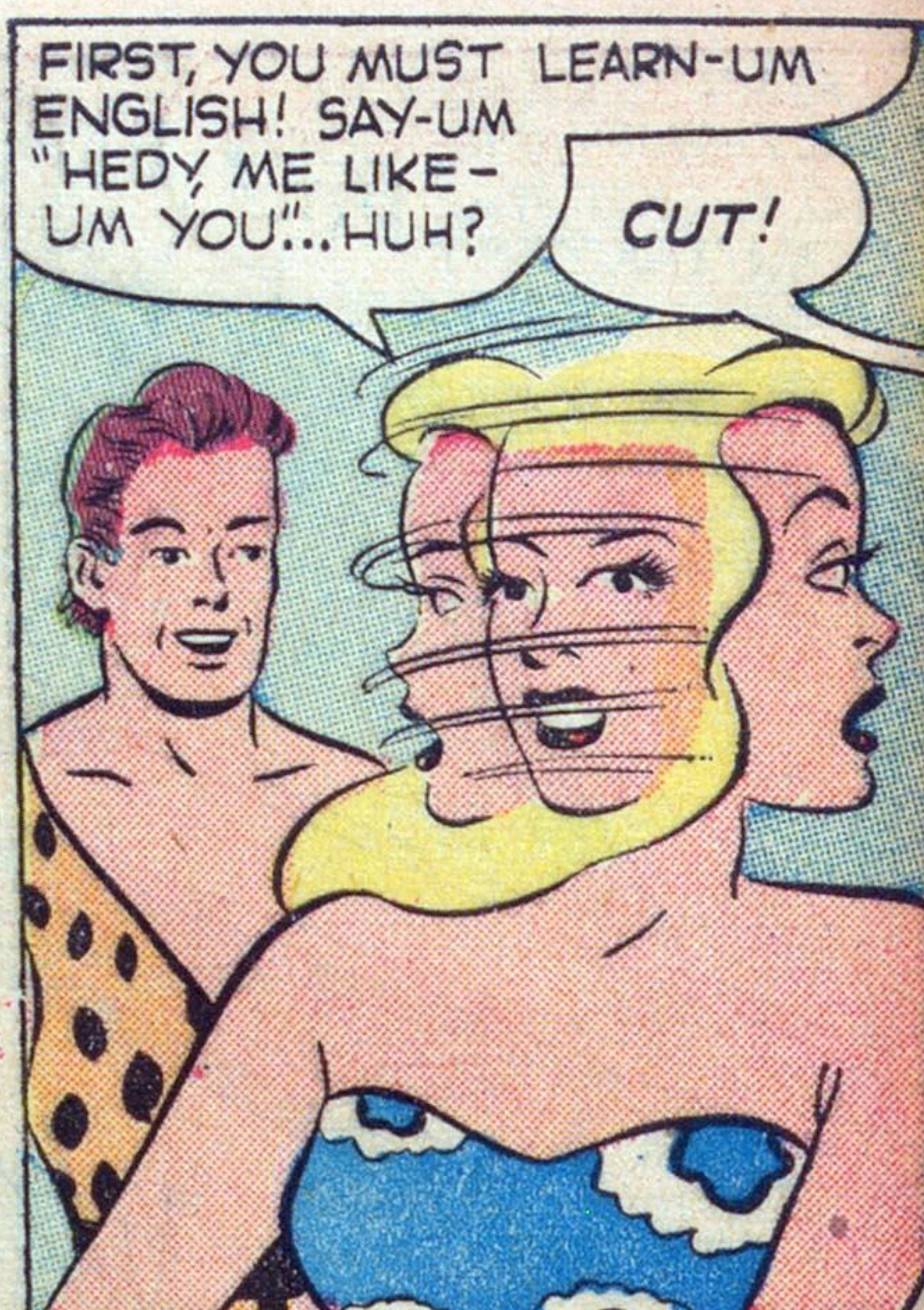
OH, THIS MUST BE YOUR HOME!

UGH!



WHY, IT'S JUST LOVELY! NEEDS A FEW WOMANLY TOUCHES... SOME DRAPES, A RUG, A FEW LANDSCAPE PAINTINGS...

UGH!



FIRST, YOU MUST LEARN-UM ENGLISH! SAY-UM "HEDY, ME LIKE-UM YOU"...HUH?

CUT!

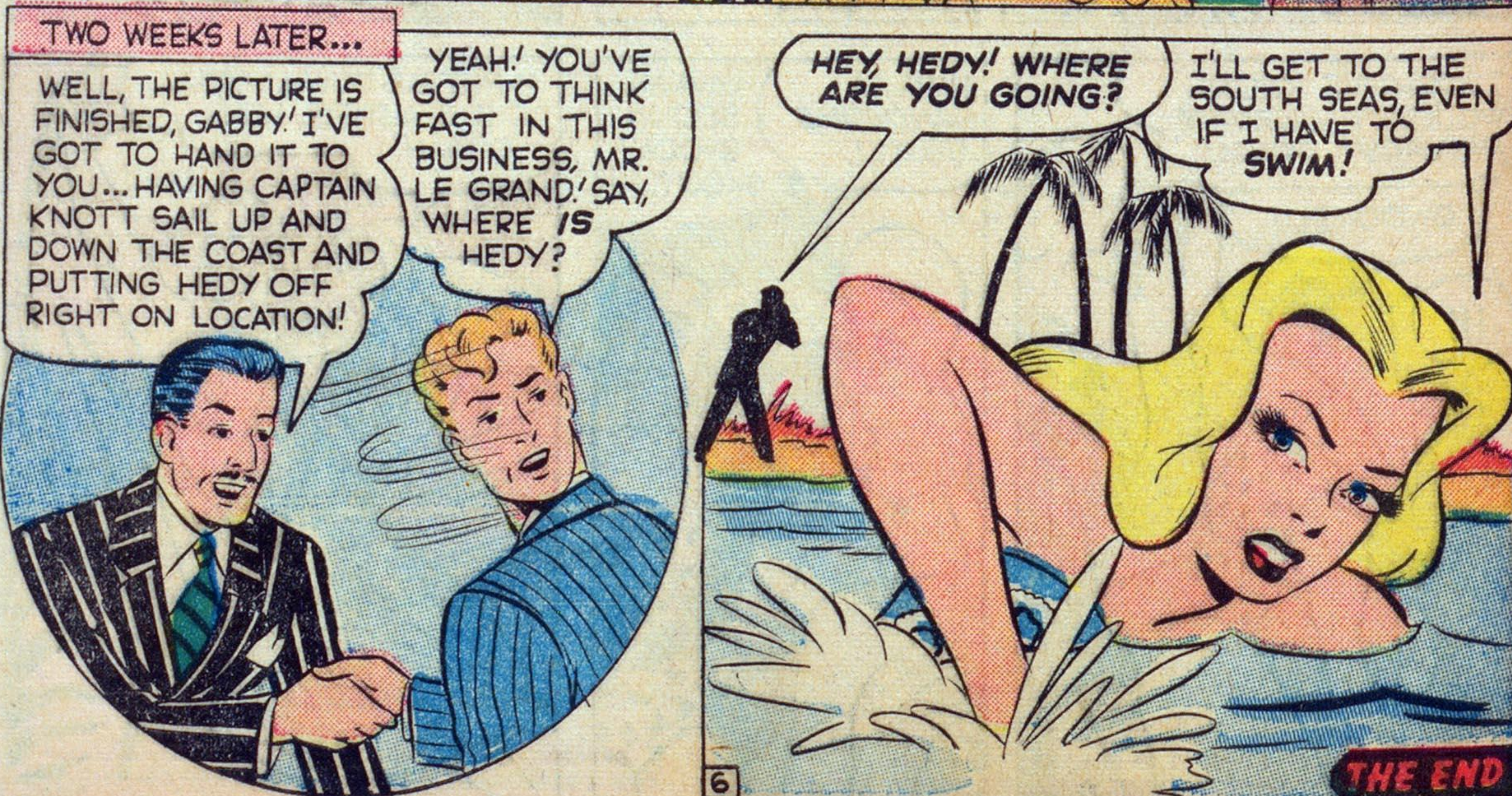


YIPE!

HEY, WHO WROTE MY DIALOGUE? "UGH, GWAWA, BOONA, BYOOK!" WHAT A LINE!

BRILLIANT, HEDY! YOU WERE NEVER BETTER!

GOSH, HEDY, YOUR LINES WERE BETTER THAN THE WAY THEY WERE WRITTEN IN THE SCRIPT!



TWO WEEKS LATER...

WELL, THE PICTURE IS FINISHED, GABBY! I'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU... HAVING CAPTAIN KNOTT SAIL UP AND DOWN THE COAST AND PUTTING HEDY OFF RIGHT ON LOCATION!

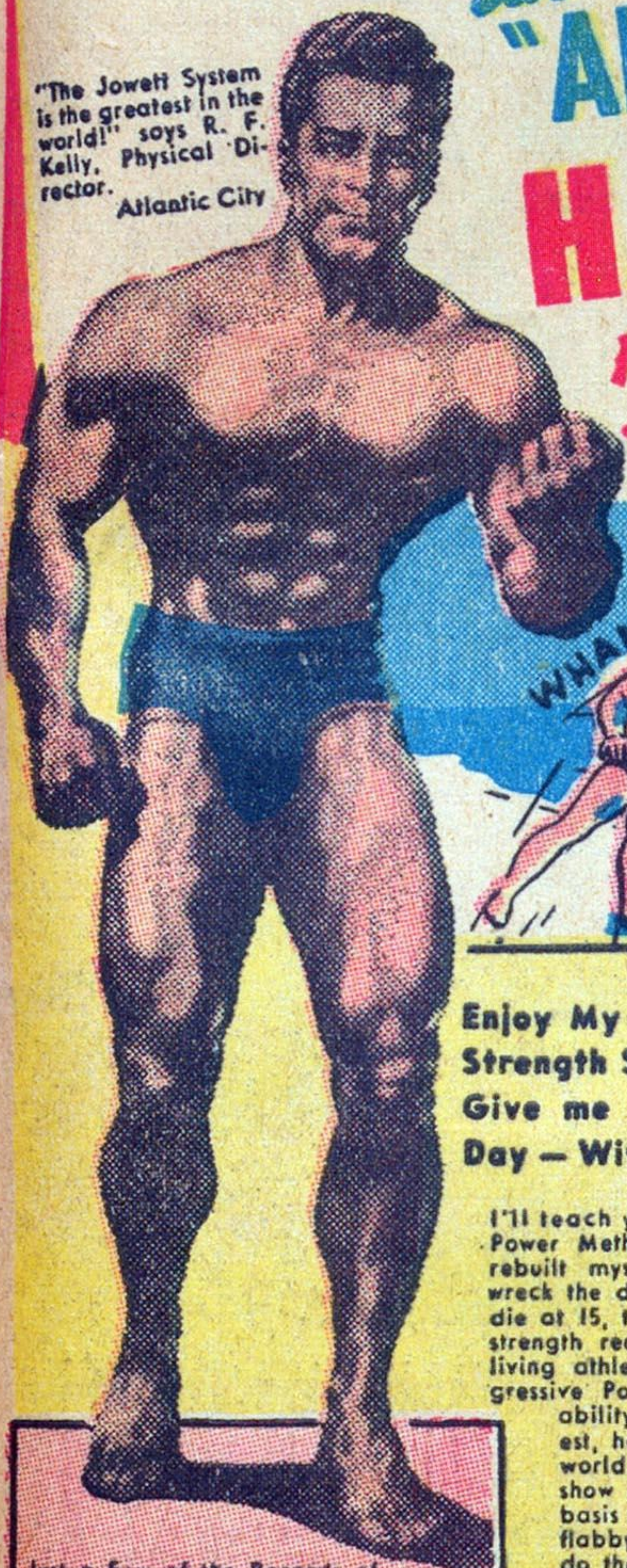
YEAH! YOU'VE GOT TO THINK FAST IN THIS BUSINESS, MR. LE GRAND. SAY, WHERE IS HEDY?

HEY, HEDY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I'LL GET TO THE SOUTH SEAS, EVEN IF I HAVE TO SWIM!

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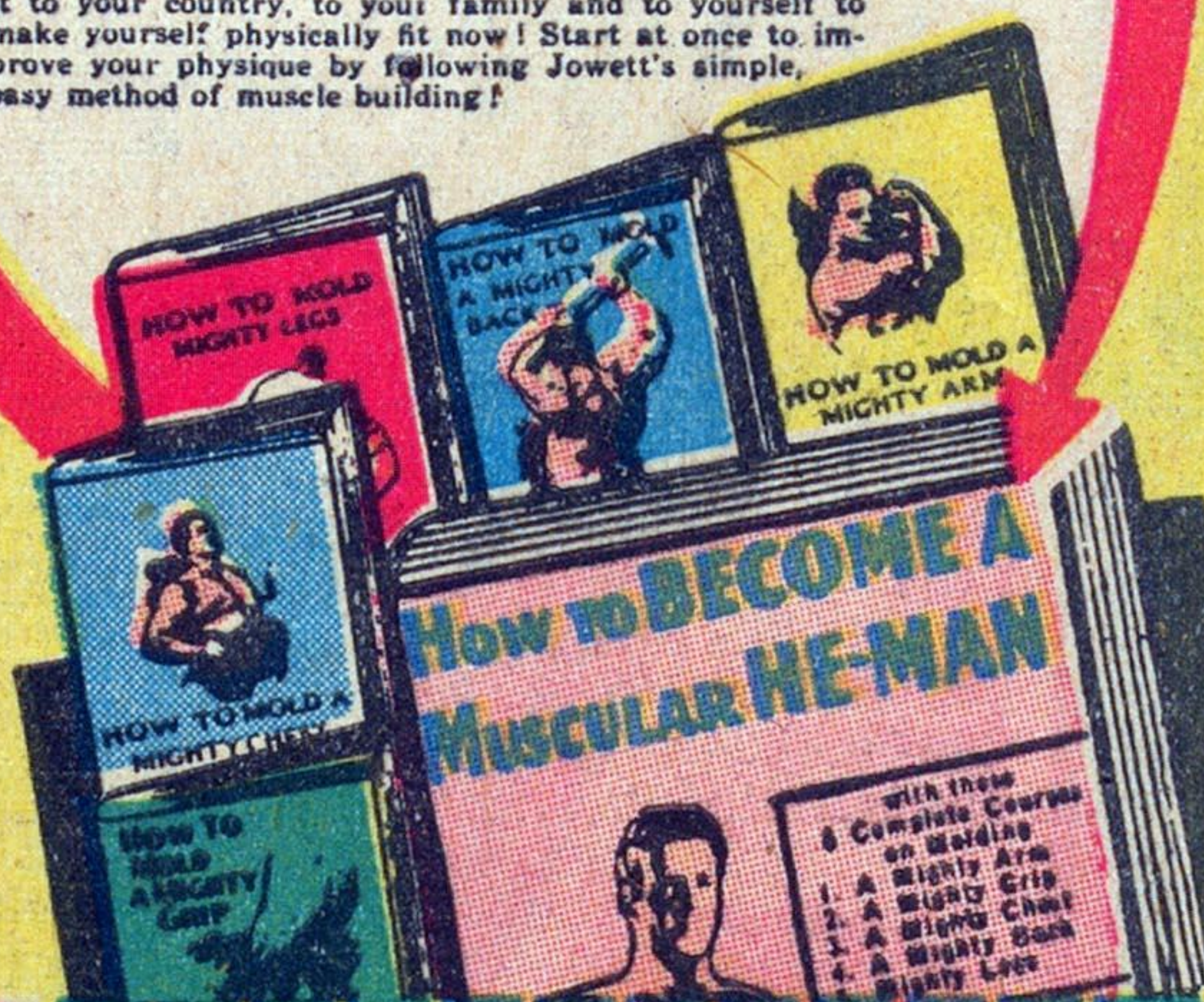
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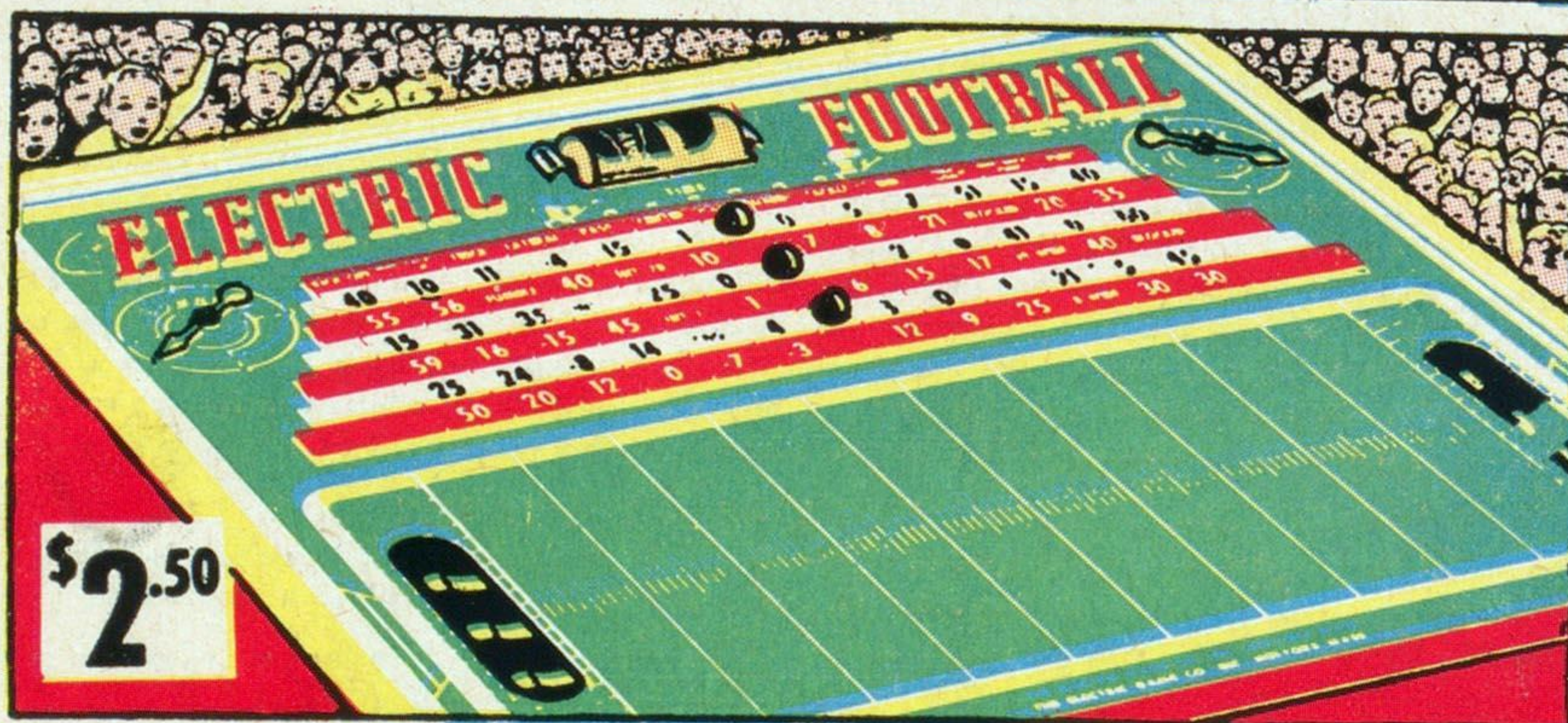
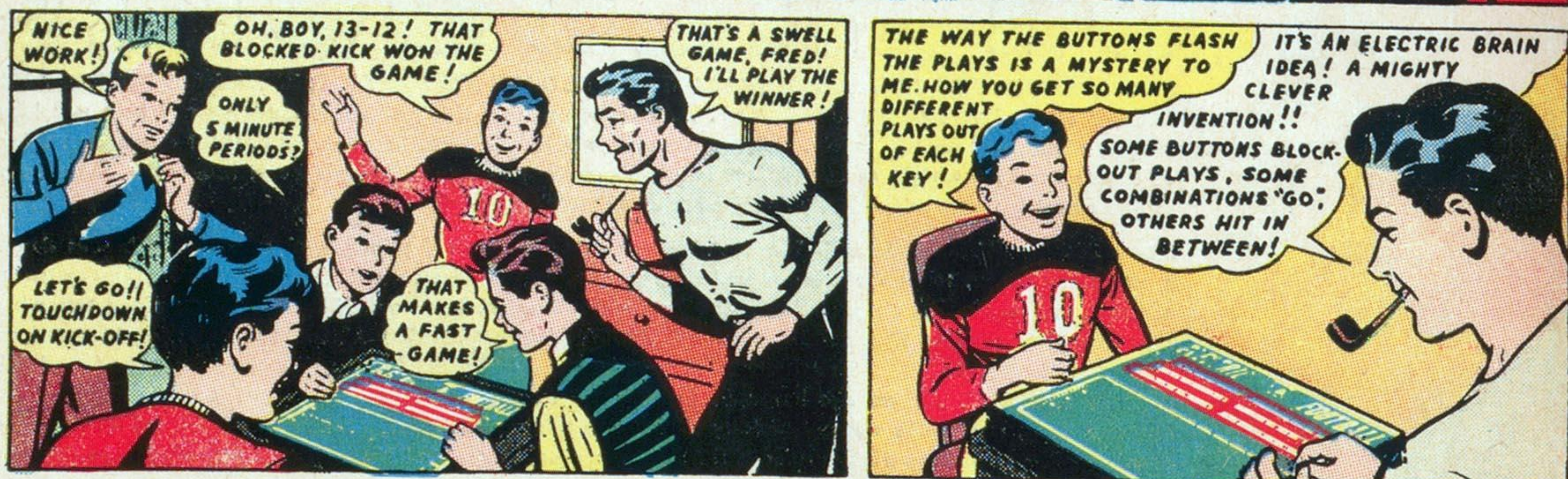
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